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MANILA BULLETIN:

Philippines, Palau strengthen ties on fisheries

BY DEXTER BARRO II

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The Philippines has entered into an agreement with Palau to enhance bilateral relations in the fisheries sector, covering mutual trade and investment, sustainable practices, and technical cooperation, according to the Department of Agriculture (DA).

In a statement, the DA said the memorandum of understanding (MOU) was recently signed between the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) and Palau's Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and the Environment.

Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel said the agreement serves as a key milestone in the Philippines and Palau's shared commitment to safeguard the environment for current and future generations.

"This MOU reflects our joint commitment to sustainable fisheries management, ensuring that the fisheries industry thrives while complying with the legal framework and international obligations, such as those outlined in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)," said Laurel.

Like the Philippines, Palau is engaged in a dispute against China over its repeated intrusion into the maritime borders of the Pacific island nation.

Palau President Surangel Whipps Jr. previously expressed his concern with China's confrontations against the Philippines in the West Philippine Sea.

To recall, the landmark 2016 UNCLOS tribunal ruling favored the Philippines' claim in the disputed waters. This, however, continues to be disregarded by China.

According to the DA, the MOU also includes the sharing of technology and development of fisheries infrastructure, as well as a reinforced partnership against illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

Both the Philippines and Palau are also aiming to conserve highly migratory fish stocks, particularly those present in western and central Pacific Ocean.

The vast region is home to fish species vital for commercial production such as tuna—namely skipjack, yellowfin, bigeye, and albacore—and the marlin and sailfish species of billfish.

The two nations have committed to work together in ensuring compliance with international market standards such as that of Japan and the European Union (EU).

Under the agreement, a joint committee will be established, with ranking officials from both countries meeting annually to plan, monitor, and assess progress.

The MOU will be reviewed in five years, providing both countries with the flexibility to adapt to evolving needs and emerging priorities.

The DA chief said collaborating with Palau would not only revitalize the fisheries sector but also strengthen regional cooperation.

“We are hopeful that this agreement with Palau would be the blueprint for similar endeavors across the globe to protect and preserve marine resources as well as our seas,” added Laurel.

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MANILA BULLETIN:

DA unit seize ₱2.83-billion of smuggled agricultural goods last year

BY DEXTER BARRO II

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The Department of Agriculture's Inspectorate and Enforcement (DAIE) unit seized smuggled agricultural commodities worth ₱2.83 billion in 2024, nearly a billion more than the previous year's total.

Over the 12-month period, the DAIE conducted a total of 71 operations. This surpassed its 2023 seizures, which totaled an estimated ₱1.87 billion.

In a statement on Friday, March 14, Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel said last year's operations revealed existing regulatory loopholes that must be addressed.

He added that certain procedures must be streamlined to curb the smuggling of agricultural products.

With the passage of the Anti-Agricultural Economic Sabotage Act in September of last year, Laurel said this provides the DA with the necessary tools to combat smuggling.

Smuggling, he said, undermines the livelihood of farmers and even threatens public health.

Under the law, smuggling, hoarding, profiteering, cartel operations, and other crimes involving agricultural and fishery products are classified as economic sabotage.

Violators will face a fine of up to five times the value of the products involved in the crime and a penalty of life imprisonment.

Laurel emphasized that he is committed to enhancing the capabilities of the DAIE to strengthen its campaign against unscrupulous importers and traders.

The DAIE's largest seizure last year amounted to ₱1.9 billion worth of smuggled imported rice. This was followed by fisheries products with seizures worth ₱316.4 million.

So far, it has filed 57 complaints against alleged culprits operating across Bataan, Bulacan, Batangas, Manila, and Navotas.

Among its notable operations were conducted between Jan. 19 and June 5, during which the DA unit uncovered thousands of tons of undervalued imported rice.

The importer was found to have made multiple shipments over the five-month period, totaling 32,825 metric tons (MT) of rice—shipments that should have incurred ₱285.3 million in taxes and tariffs.

In the first two months of 2025, the DAIE and other agencies seized ₱162.7 million worth of illegal agri-fishery products from various entry points in the country.

Recent inspections of cold storage facilities also uncovered several violations, including expired agricultural products and unlabeled boxes.

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MANILA BULLETIN:

Muntinlupa LGU reminds traders, consumers of rice price cap

BY JONATHAN HICAP

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The Muntinlupa City government reminded traders and consumers of the price cap on imported premium rice being sold in public and private markets.

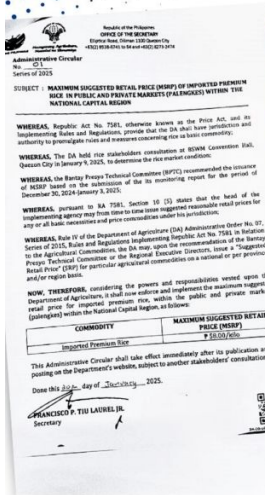
It said that the maximum suggested retail price (MSRP) for imported premium rice is P58 per kilo in the National Capital Region as set by the Department of Agriculture (DA).

This is based on DA's Administrative Circular No. 01 series of 2025, which enforced and implemented "the maximum suggested retail price for imported premium rice, within the public and private markets (palengkes) within the National Capital Region" at P58 per kilo.



City Government of Muntinlupa, City Council,
Mayor Ruffy Biazon and Congressman Jimmy Fresnedi



The Department of Agriculture (DA) has issued Administrative Circular No. 01, series of 2025, enforcing the



Maximum Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of P58.00/kg on imported premium rice

in public and private markets within the National Capital Region (NCR).



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Administrative Circular
 No. **01**
 Series of 2025

SUBJECT : MAXIMUM SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE (MSRP) OF IMPORTED PREMIUM RICE IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MARKETS (PALENGKES) WITHIN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7581, otherwise known as the Price Act, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, provide that the DA shall have jurisdiction and authority to promulgate rules and measures concerning rice as basic commodity;

WHEREAS, The DA held rice stakeholders consultation at BSWM Convention Hall, Quezon City in January 9, 2025, to determine the rice market condition;

WHEREAS, the Bantay Presyo Technical Committee (BPTC) recommended the issuance of MSRP based on the submission of its monitoring report for the period of December 30, 2024-January 3, 2025;

WHEREAS, pursuant to RA 7581, Section 10 (5) states that the head of the implementing agency may from time to time issue suggested reasonable retail prices for any or all basic necessities and price commodities under his jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, Rule IV of the Department of Agriculture (DA) Administrative Order No. 07, Series of 2015, Rules and Regulations Implementing Republic Act No. 7581 in Relation to the Agricultural Commodities, the DA may, upon the recommendation of the Bantay Presyo Technical Committee or the Regional Executive Directors, issue a "Suggested Retail Price" (SRP) for particular agricultural commodities on a national or per province and/or region basis.


NOW, THEREFORE, considering the powers and responsibilities vested upon the Department of Agriculture, it shall now enforce and implement the maximum suggested retail price for imported premium rice, within the public and private markets (palengkes) within the National Capital Region, as follows:

| COMMODITY | MAXIMUM SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE (MSRP) |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Imported Premium Rice | P 58.00/kilo |

This Administrative Circular shall take effect immediately after its publication and/or posting on the Department's website, subject to another stakeholders' consultation.

Done this 20th day of January 2025.

FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL JR.
 Secretary



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(From top) Muntinlupa Mayor Ruffy Biazon, the reminder of the Muntinlupa City government, and the administrative circular issued by the Department of Agriculture (Photos: Mayor Ruffy Biazon, Muntinlupa PIO, Department of Agriculture)

“Pinapaalalahanan ang lahat ng negosyante na sumunod sa itinakdang presyo upang maprotektahan ang interes ng mga mamimili at matiyak ang patas na kalakalan sa merkado. Inaabisuhan din ang mga mamimili na maging mapanuri sa presyo ng bigas at agad na ipagbigay-alam sa kinauukulan sakaling may paglabag sa nasabing kautusan (All traders are reminded to comply with the set price to protect the interests of consumers and ensure fair trade in the market. Consumers are also advised to be vigilant about rice prices and immediately report any violation to the authorities),” the city government posted on Facebook on March 14.

It added, “Patuloy ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Muntinlupa sa pakikipagtulungan sa DA upang matiyak na maayos na naipatutupad ang naturang regulasyon para sa kapakanan ng bawat Muntinlupeño (The Muntinlupa City Government continues to work with the DA to ensure that the said regulation is properly implemented for the benefit of every Muntinlupeño).”

<https://mb.com.ph/2025/3/14/muntinlupa-lgu-reminds-traders-consumers-of-rice-price-cap>

MANILA BULLETIN:

Wayang Alimagnum engages young readers with farming and giant robots

BY YVETTE TAN

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AVANT GARDENER



If there are two things many Filipino children lack these days, it's a love for reading and an appreciation for farming. Joel Donato Ching Jacob, HIV counselor and author of the Scholastic Asian Book Award winning novel *Wing of the Locust* and its sequels *Orphan Price* and *Heirs to Flame* writes about both in his new novel, *Wayang Alimagnum*, published by Adarna House.

"In *Wayang Alimango*, Waya finds her dead mother's mech under the river. She uses the mech to compete in the town farming competition. Her most formidable rival is last year's winner, her own stepmother," Jacob said, adding that the story was inspired by "the Filipino Cinderella story: *Maryang Alimango*."

For those unfamiliar with Japanese anime, a mech, or mecha, is a giant robot piloted by a human and usually used for warfare.

Other inspirations include, "The jeepney phaseout. Along with many Filipinos, I am outraged at the anti-working class initiative to phase out the jeepney. The jeepney was made from artifacts of the war where the jeep was an all terrain mobile armalite platform. I imagined a Philippines where we were able to take the machines of our oppressors and use it for life-giving endeavors like we have already done with the jeepney."

It was also inspired by a video by American sketch comedians Key and Peele about what would happen if teachers were treated like top athletes. "Instead of teachers, who definitely deserve the honor, I feel we should also enshrine our farmers if not as pro athletes but at least people who deserve a liveable wage. There is a low key reference to universal basic pay in the book," as well as the board game *Scythe*. "Not much of the game, but the paintings of idyllic rural landscapes with towering mecha."

Jacob is no stranger to farm life. "I grew up on a garlic farm in Cabuyao, Laguna. I would get paid five centavos per handful of garlic I peeled, which I only used to buy candy.... It was a community endeavor with the entire barangay pitching in. We had landlords... but they were absent overlords. We would sometimes play with the grandchildren, my father would do electrician stuff for them....

"...the land was eventually sold for development. My first novel... is about us kids playing on the hills of rock and sand, oblivious that they were being used to pave the farmlands our parents worked in. My father eventually started work in Qatar, we moved to Los Baños, and I studied in UP Rural High School, where I studied horticulture, agriculture, animal husbandry, and wood and metal shop over four years. This was the time when I learned some of the science of it," he said.

Wayang Alimagnum is a solarpunk novel, one whose plot revolves around machinery. This is interesting given the Philippines' lack of machinery in the agriculture sector. The irony (or is it actually hope) isn't lost on Jacob, who uses it as a way to get young readers interested in farming. "I am aware

that we lose a lot of crops in post harvest tech, or rather the lack thereof, among many other problems plaguing our farmers. Why? Aside from the aforementioned board game Scythe, I feel the disinterest in agriculture as a field is not unwarranted. It is just not as ubiquitous as a concept among young people. “In the book, the stepmother Quicay is a mechanical engineer, the father Juan is an accountant, and so on. But they think of themselves as farmers. I feel that young people will be enamored by the real-world fact that some of the largest mega machines are used in farms (Well, I am. I hope they feel the same way). I want to make farming as exciting as it is necessary.”

This optimistic view of farming dovetails into Jacob’s hopes for the country: “Universal Basic Pay and socialized services like farm to market transportation, healthcare, a fund to ensure price stabilization, harvest insurance, post harvest technologies to reduce food wastage, so on.”

There are many things Jacob hopes that readers take away from his novel, but the most important thing would be that they enjoy it. “...I can say valuing the role of farmers in society, capacity building and legislation towards capacity building, family and its various permutations, sportsmanship.

“But none of those matter unless we cultivate in young people a love for reading. So the key takeaway from the target audience of 10-14 year-olds is enjoyment.”

His perfect reader, he says, is “a kid who has never finished a book. I hope my story is exciting and that the language is accessible so that they find it easy to finish their first book.”

Wayang Alimagnum will be launched at The Philippine Book Festival this March 13 to 16 in Megamall Mega Trade hall. There will be a book signing at 3 p.m. on March 15, Saturday at the Adarna Booth.

<https://mb.com.ph/2025/3/14/wayang-alimagnum-engages-young-readers-with-farming-and-giant-robots>

THE PHILIPPINE STAR:

DA starts monitoring cigarette prices in Metro Manila

[Jasper Emmanuel Arcalas](#) - The Philippine Star

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MANILA, Philippines — The Department of Agriculture (DA) has started monitoring cigarette prices in Metro Manila as part of its expanded mandate under Republic Act 12022 or the Anti-Agricultural Economic Sabotage Act, marking the first time that the DA is monitoring cigarette prices.

The DA started publishing on March 3 a daily cigarette price monitoring report, on top of its regular daily reports on retail prices of agricultural commodities in Metro Manila markets.

The National Tobacco Administration confirmed to The STAR that the publishing of the daily cigarette reports by the DA is pursuant to RA 12022.

The law mandated the DA through its Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Service (AMAS) and the Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR) to maintain a daily price index (DPI) of all the agricultural and fishery products defined under the law.

RA 12022 expanded the definition of agricultural and fishery products to cover tobacco products, which was previously excluded by the law's predecessor, RA 10845 or the Anti-Agricultural Smuggling Act. Section 6 of RA 12022 emphasized that the DPI must be published on the official websites of AMAS and BAR as well as on their respective social media platforms. AMAS has been handling the price monitoring mandate of the DA and publishes daily reports on the department's website.

The DA even has an SMS registration system wherein the public will receive free daily messages about its latest price monitoring report.

So far, the daily cigarette monitoring reports have been published six times a week, from Mondays to Saturdays, since March 3.

As of March 13, the DA-AMAS has monitored the prices of 91 cigarette brands or variants across 19 establishments, mostly convenience stores, in Metro Manila.

The cities covered by the monitoring were Marikina, Quezon City, Valenzuela, Manila, Parañaque, Taguig, Pasay, Navotas, Malabon and Caloocan.

The cigarettes were monitored on a per pack basis with most of them having 20 sticks each. The DA-AMAS monitors the highest, lowest, prevailing and average prices of the cigarette brands.

The most expensive cigarette brand, based on the DA-AMAS' monitoring, was Chungwa at P365 per pack (20 sticks) while the cheapest ones were Mighty Menthol 100s (Soft Pack) and Winston Original Red (Round Corner Box), both at P91 per pack.

The price monitoring reports play an essential role in determining smuggling and profiteering under RA 12022.

The law indicated that agricultural products sold at 30 percent lower than the DPI must be presumed to be smuggled items while those sold at least 10 percent higher than the DPI during abnormal situations can be considered as profiteering.

<https://www.philstar.com/business/2025/03/15/2428396/da-starts-monitoring-cigarette-prices-metro-manila>

THE PHILIPPINE STAR:

TC sets public hearing on rice tariff reversion

[Jasper Emmanuel Arcalas](#) - The Philippine Star

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Rice retailers manage their stalls at Marikina Public Market on January 7, 2025.

STAR / Michael Varcas

MANILA, Philippines — The Tariff Commission (TC) will conduct a public hearing this month to discuss the petition of an industry group seeking to revert the prevailing tariffs on imported rice to higher rates.

The TC has issued a notice of public hearing yesterday on the petition filed by the Samahang Industriya ng Agrikultura (SINAG).

The industry group wants the rice tariff to revert to 35 percent for in-quota imports and 50 percent for out-quota imports.

At present, rice tariffs are at 15 percent, the lowest in history, because of President Marcos' Executive Order (EO) 62.

The TC set the hearing on March 28 at 10 a.m. and will be conducted via videoconferencing. It gave interested parties until April 4 to submit their position papers regarding the proposed tariff modification. "Interested parties shall be afforded the opportunity to be present and present evidence in support of their position/s relative to the petition for tariff modification," the TC said.

SINAG earlier said that it formalized its request to the TC to revert the rice tariff rates last March 3. The group claimed that the lower rice tariff rate did not result in cheaper staple in the market as promised by the government.

The group pointed out that the declaration of a food security emergency on rice and the imposition of a maximum suggested retail price on the staple were "admissions" that EO 62, particularly the lower tariff rate, failed in addressing high rice prices.

The 15-percent rice tariff took effect last July and is subjected to a regular review by the government every four months.

The first review was done last November 2024 with officials deciding to retain the lower tariff rate. The next review of the rice tariff is scheduled this month.

Various industry groups have earlier claimed that rice importers and wholesalers pocketed more profit because of the lower tariff rate without passing the savings to consumers.

Some government officials have even admitted that the goal of the tariff reduction did not materialize as expected due to prevailing market dynamics wherein certain players dominate the rice trade.

The average price of imported well-milled rice in Metro Manila stood at P44.36 per kilo as of March 13, while its regular-milled counterpart was estimated at P40.88 per kilo, according to the Department of Agriculture (DA).

DA data showed that the average price of imported premium rice, which is widely consumed by the public, was at P50.49 per kilo.

<https://www.philstar.com/business/2025/03/15/2428402/tc-sets-public-hearing-rice-tariff-reversion>

THE PHILIPPINE STAR:

Investment pipeline hits over P4 trillion

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In a statement yesterday, the DTI – Foreign Trade Service Corps (FTSC) said it actively engaged with investors on 247 investment leads and projects valued at over P4 trillion (\$76 billion) as of January.

The STAR / Michael Varcas

MANILA, Philippines — The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) is tracking over P4 trillion worth of investment leads as it seeks to strengthen the country’s position as a top destination for global investors this year.

In a statement yesterday, the DTI – Foreign Trade Service Corps (FTSC) said it actively engaged with investors on 247 investment leads and projects valued at over P4 trillion (\$76 billion) as of January.

Of these investment leads, 51 are in the advanced stages, with 28 companies having either registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission or working closely with investment promotion agencies to finalize their entry into the Philippines, while 23 have started commercial operations.

“These investments span key industries, including manufacturing, information technology and business process management, renewable energy, data centers, retail, agriculture and telecommunications,” the DTI-FTSC said.

The DTI-FTSC, which is composed of trade representatives or commercial attaches representing the commercial posts of the DTI around the world, is actively converting investment leads from high-level trade and economic missions into projects that create jobs in the country by facilitating the entry of investors.

In a separate statement, the Board of Investments (BOI) said that it endorsed 187 investments worth P4.65 trillion for green lane processing as of March 11.

Under Executive Order (EO) 18 issued by the Office of the President in February 2023, green lanes were created to expedite the processing of permits and licenses for strategic investments in the country.

Of the projects approved for green lanes, the bulk or 151 are in renewable energy.

Other projects endorsed for green lanes involve food security, digital infrastructure and manufacturing. According to the BOI, 45 of the projects certified for green lanes are foreign-owned, showing strong foreign investor confidence.

Of the approved projects for green lanes, six are already operational.

The BOI said EO 18, which focused on simplifying the approval process for strategic projects, has helped make the Philippines a more attractive location for foreign direct investments.

“The success of EO 18 demonstrates the power of unity in government, proving that by working together, we can transform investments into real opportunities that uplift communities and fuel national progress,” Trade Secretary Cristina Roque said.

Beyond generating investment leads, the DTI-FTSC said it would continue to expand market access for Philippine exporters and strengthen trade partnerships in the coming months.

Last year, the DTI-FTSC assisted over 1,900 exporters to access new markets and secure international buyers. It also engaged 2,600 potential foreign investors by providing market intelligence, business-matching services and direct facilitation support.

<https://www.philstar.com/business/2025/03/15/2428411/investment-pipeline-hits-over-p4-trillion>

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER:

Soil labs in mining-averse Palawan aim to boost farmers' income

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A mobile soil testing lab – Department of Agriculture photo

MANILA, Philippines — The government is building a new laboratory in Palawan to improve soil health and boost agricultural productivity in the province that has recently imposed a 50-year mining ban.

The provincial government will likewise deploy mobile soil labs as part of broader plans to promote sustainable soil management.

The Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM) broke ground for its soil lab in the municipality of Rizal, which is noted for its rich and abundant natural resources.

A soil lab features different tools and resources to diagnose the fertility status of the soil by analyzing its nutrient levels, composition and other elements.

At the same time, the BSWM and the provincial government of Palawan signed a memorandum of agreement to build provincial and mobile soil labs.

“Expected gain from this joint venture is in achieving the overall goal of the current administration in improving and sustaining soil health in the country,” the BSWM said.

“Soil health is fundamental to the agricultural prosperity of Palawan. This new laboratory will provide the tools and resources needed to boost productivity and ensure the sustainability of our farmers’ livelihoods,” Agriculture Undersecretary Roger Navarro said.

Raising farmers' yield, income

“The establishment of this facility will help improve soil quality and, in turn, contribute to higher yields in the province,” he added.

The BSWM said forging a partnership with Palawan marks another step in providing a holistic and systematic approach to address soil health. In turn, this aims to ensure sustainable use of soil resources, bolster production and sustain farmers' income.

“This project represents a monumental step in our commitment to sustainable agriculture. The collaboration with local stakeholders and government officials is a perfect example of how we can work together for a healthier, more productive future for our farmers,” BSWM Director Gina Parde-Nilo said.

Mobile soil labs

The deployment of mobile soil labs across various regions of the country is part of the National Soil Health Program and Presidential Decree No. 1435. This decree pushes for science-based and holistic methods to improve soil health and crop productivity.

The first-ever mobile soil lab was unveiled at Malacañang Palace last December, featuring a state-of-the-art 10-wheeler truck designed to analyze 42 chemical, physical and microbiological parameters.

“Farmers will benefit from precise soil data to optimize fertilizer use, improve crop yields, and enhance productivity,” the DA had said in a statement.

Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. had said the agency plans to procure 16 more mobile lab units for distribution to different regions.



Mobile soil lab — DA photo

<https://business.inquirer.net/512707/soil-labs-in-mining-averse-palawan-aim-to-boost-farmers-income>

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER:

Ilocos Norte farmers get 60 engine pumps

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(Photo from Fanny Miguel/ Provincial Agriculture Office)

CURRIMAO, Ilocos Norte — Farmers in this town’s 13 villages received a major boost as they received 60 engine pump sets, including hoses, from the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).

This project is in collaboration with the Ilocos Norte provincial government.

Endorsed by Mayor Edward Quilala, the P1.5-million livelihood assistance aims to support local farmers in sustaining crop production amid the dry season.

“We are grateful to our local officials for granting our request. These water pumps will ensure the growth of our plants, particularly this summer,” the Ilocos Norte Currimao Federation of Farmers and Fishermen Association Inc. said on Friday.

The group is led by its president Severino Dadoy.

Governor Matthew Joseph Manotoc underscored the pumps’ role in ensuring timely irrigation, enhancing productivity, and mitigating climate change effects.

Without reliable access to the internet, emerging markets risk falling behind in a digital economy

Canada is looking for skilled immigrants from Philippines

He also thanked DOLE for its continued support for Ilocos Norte’s agricultural sector.

According to PAGASA, this year’s dry season will likely start on the third week of March, with temperatures reaching 39 degrees Celsius in Northern Luzon, particularly in urban areas.

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/2044075/ilocos-norte-farmers-get-60-engine-pumps>

REMATE:

BFAR: Suplay at presyo ng isda sa tag-init, stable

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MANILA, Philippines – Inaasahan ng Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) na mananatiling sapat at matatag ang suplay at presyo ng isda ngayong tag-init ng 2025 dahil sa mas magandang kundisyon ng pangangisda.

Ayon kay BFAR spokesperson Nazario Briguera, ang muling pagbubukas ng mga pangunahing fishing grounds tulad ng Zamboanga Peninsula, Palawan, Visayan Sea, at Davao Gulf ay magpapataas ng suplay.

Natapos na rin ang closed fishing seasons para sa sardinas sa Zamboanga at galunggong sa Palawan, na makakatulong sa pagpapanatili ng presyo.

Noong Marso 10, nasa P300 kada kilo ang presyo ng lokal na galunggong, ngunit inaasahang bababa ito. Upang mapanatili ang pagkakaiba-iba ng isda sa merkado at makontrol ang implasyon, pinayagan ng Department of Agriculture ang pag-aangkat ng mga isdang hindi karaniwang makikita sa mga lokal na pamilihan, tulad ng salmon.

Nilinaw ni Briguera na hindi ito makikipagkumpetensya sa mga lokal na mangingisda.

Bagamat nananatiling hamon ang mataas na presyo ng gasolina sa industriya ng pangangisda, nagbibigay ang gobyerno ng fuel subsidy sa mga municipal fishermen upang maibsan ang kanilang gastos. Sa kabila ng mga pagsubok, tiniyak ng BFAR na mananatiling sapat at matatag ang suplay at presyo ng isda sa bansa. *Santi Celario*

<https://remate.ph/bfar-suplay-at-presyo-ng-isda-sa-tag-init-stable/>

REMATE:

Pinas magpapadala ng 66K MT ng asukal sa US

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MANILA, Philippines – Mag-e-export ang Pilipinas ng 66,000 metric tons ng hilaw na asukal sa Estados Unidos para sa crop year 2024-2025, ayon sa Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) sa ilalim ng Sugar Order 5.

Ito ang ikalawang sunod na taon ng pagtupad sa farmers' share sa US sugar quota.

Kailangang magsumite ng notarized na pahayag ang mga kwalipikadong kalahok ukol sa kanilang export volume bago ang Marso 30, at dapat maipadala ang asukal bago ang Agosto 15.

Ang pagsunod sa mga kondisyon ng SRA ay maaaring magbigay ng prioridad sa mga programa sa pag-import ng asukal sa hinaharap. *Santi Celario*

<https://remate.ph/pinas-magpapadala-ng-66k-mt-ng-asukal-sa-us/>

ABANTE:

DA hinahanapan solusyon ang bagsak-presyo ng kamatis

Abante News

• March 14, 2025



Kumilos na ang Department of Agriculture (DA) upang tulungan ang mga magsasaka na nahihirapan sa mababang farmgate price ng kamatis.

Hinahanapan ng solusyon ng DA ang problema ng mga magsasakang nagtanim ng kamatis matapos ang lubos na pagbagsak ng presyo nito sa Metro Manila.

nila ng pansin ang mga magsasakang nahihirapan ngayon sa mababang farmgate price ng kamatis, partikular ang bentahan sa Balintawak Market sa Quezon City na nagkakahalaga ng P13 lang kada kilo. Sumadsad ang presyo ng kamatis sa mga palengke kasunod ng panahon ng aniyan ng naturang produkto kung kaya't marami ang suplay nito.

Sinabi rin ng opisyal na anim na grupo na ang kanilang natulungan. (Just Ignacio)

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