

# NAIA Q2 passenger traffic up sharply at 8.3M as pandemic restrictions ease



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## ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Secretary to the Atty. DINDO R. CERVANTES  
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Upon motion of Hon. K.T. Sarosa, duly seconded, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Makati unanimously approved City Resolution No. 2022-A-006 on second and final reading.

### CITY RESOLUTION NO. 2022-A-006

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Hon. J.C. Villena, IV, Hon. A.A.M. Yabut, Hon. M.F. Vitales and Hon. R.C. San Pedro, Jr.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE MAYOR MAR-LEN ABIGAIL S. BINAY AND/OR HER DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO NEGOTIATE, ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU), FOR AND IN BEHALF OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF MAKATI, WITH SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES PHILIPPINES REGARDING THE PROVISION OF IMMEDIATE ALTERNATIVE PARENTAL CARE TO ALL CHILDREN REFERRED HEREIN, SUBJECT TO EXISTING LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

**WHEREAS**, it is a declared policy of the City Government of Makati to give priority to the promotion of the total well-being, growth and development of children. It shall ensure that the rights of the children are fully protected and respected with the active support and participation or in concerted efforts with different sectors of the society;

**WHEREAS**, since 1967, SOS Children's Villages Philippines has provided support to thousands of children, youth and families through its alternative care and family strengthening programs;<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the City Government of Makati (CGM) through its arm, the Makati Social Welfare Department, and SOS Children's Villages Philippines agreed to work together to provide an immediate alternative parental care to the following: (a) children that are either with one parent or still has at least one; (b) with kin but is unable to provide them with the needed care; and (c) children that are either awaiting adoption or whose adoption are on process;

**WHEREAS**, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), among other documents, between the City Government of Makati and SOS Children's Villages Philippines is required to be executed in order to formalize the desired partnership;

**WHEREAS**, Section 8 (a) (6) of R.A. No. 7854, otherwise known as the Charter of the City of Makati, provides that the City Mayor, as the chief executive of the city government, shall exercise those powers expressly granted to him by law, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for the efficient and effective governance of the City, and those which are essential to the promotion of general welfare such as to represent the City in all its business transactions and sign on its behalf all bonds, contracts, and obligations, and such other documents upon authority of the sangguniang panlungsod or pursuant to law or ordinance;

**WHEREAS**, considering the reasonableness and absence of any legal impediment to the proposed partnership, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Makati, pursuant to the abovementioned provision of law, hereby approves this Resolution.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MAKATI, METRO MANILA, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWERS VESTED IN IT BY LAW, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, to authorize the Honorable Mayor Mar-len Abigail S. Binay and/or her duly authorized representative to negotiate, enter into and sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), for and in behalf of the City Government of Makati, with SOS Children's Villages Philippines regarding the provision of immediate alternative parental care to all children referred herein, subject to existing laws, rules and regulations.**

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Mayor, Office of the City Administrator, Law Department, Budget Department, Accounting Department, Makati Social Welfare and Development (MSWD), Information and Community Relations Department (ICRD), Department of the Interior and Local Government – Makati City Field Office (DILG-Makati City), SOS Children's Villages Philippines and other offices and agencies concerned for their information, guidance and reference.


This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

**APPROVED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MAKATI, METRO MANILA, in its Regular Session held on 20 July 2022.**

Certified true and correct by:

  
**ATTY. DINDO R. CERVANTES**  
Secretary to the  
Sangguniang Panlungsod

Attested by:

  
**HON. VIRGILIO V. HILARIO, JR.**  
Temporary Presiding Officer  
Member, Sangguniang Panlungsod

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.sosphilippines.org/about-us>

PASSENGER traffic at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) rose sharply in the second quarter following the easing of safety requirements for travelers, including quarantines and test results.

The Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA) said international passenger volume was up 129% from a quarter earlier, while domestic traffic was up 87%.

Domestic passenger traffic at the various NAIA terminals – arrivals as well as departures – topped 5.94 million in the second quarter, according to percentage changes derived from raw throughput data provided on the MIAA website for both periods.

International passenger traffic rose to more than 2.35 million in the three months to June.

In its financial report for the first quarter, the NAIA operator returned a net loss of P234 million, narrowing from a loss of P583 million a year earlier.

MIAA is required to remit 50% or more of its net income as dividends to the National Treasury.

"This is apart from the 20% National Government share in MIAA's operating income based on actual collections, includ-

ing income from utilities and terminal fees/passenger service charge, and the 30% corporate income tax, as well as the P100 share on passenger service charge and the contributions to National Civil Aviation Security Committee, which is P60 for every international passenger and P15 for every domestic passenger," it said in its report.

Cebu Pacific, Philippine Airlines, and AirAsia Philippines continue to boost flight service on both domestic and international routes to take advantage of the increased demand for air travel resulting the relaxation of pandemic-related restrictions.

On Feb. 10, the Philippines started accepting nationals that do not require visas to enter the country. Since April 1, borders have been opened to all nationals.

Foreign visitors have totaled 517,516 as of May 25 since the full reopening of borders with minimal quarantine requirements, according to the Department of Tourism.

The US was the top source of arrivals between Feb. 10 and May 25 with 104,589, followed by South Korea with 28,474 arrivals, and Canada 24,337. — **Arjay L. Balinbin**

## US to train local staff vs African Swine Fever

THE US and Philippine Agriculture departments said they jointly launched a project to further insulate the Philippine hog industry from African Swine Fever (ASF).

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) will provide training to officials from the Philippine Department of Agriculture to improve veterinary services to ensure safe pork and pork products.

"Since our initial conversation with the Philippine government a few years ago, the opportunity to better understand ASF and the benefits for both countries were always clear," National Pork Producers Council President Terry Wolters said in a statement.

Pork Producers Federation of the Philippines President Rolando E. Tambago said that the project is a "timely initiative that will enhance the industry's competence in disease control."

"The knowledge gained from the project can be cascaded to our Asian neighbors to better equip farmers in their fight against ASF," National Federation of Hog Farmers, Inc. President Chester Warren Y. Tan added.

The USDA funds the Building Safe Agricultural Food Enterprises project, which assists Philippine hog farmers in their repopulation efforts by strengthening biosecurity measures at the farm level.

"Through the Cochran Fellowship Program, USDA has trained many local hog raisers since 2017 in improving their food safety through proper cold chain and handling," it added. — **Luisa Maria Jacinta C. Jocsos**

## DENR's Loyzaga promises priority action on climate change measures

ENVIRONMENT Secretary Maria Antonia Y. Loyzaga said action to address the climate crisis will be one of the department's areas of focus during her term.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) needs to act on the climate emergency "through science to approach national and local-scale impacts of climate change. We live in a multi-hazard environment, from industrial and what we call natural-technological hazards," she said during the department's turnover ceremony on Thursday.

"We need to continuously protect our indigenous species as part of our heritage and harness these resources for the benefit of our country," she added.

The new DENR Secretary said that she is aiming to "emphasize the crucial role in the accounting of natural resources of the country."

"We need to harness our expertise and make sure the capabilities of the different sectors and bureaus are in line and support each other. We want to invest in a scientific and risk-based approach," she said.

"The role of the DENR cannot be minimized in terms of trying to support the economy of our country and the social and inclusive development of our nation," she added.

In a separate statement, the DENR announced that it is collaborating with the Korean National Assembly to explore the use of a communications satellite to monitor and protect the environment.

"Korean technology will strengthen Philippines' capabilities in the use of data generated through orbital satellites, which provide high resolution images of the terrain," the DENR said in a statement.

DENR Director Al O. Orloff said that satellite technology and high resolution images play a significant role in managing and protecting natural resources and the environment.

Apart from the satellite, there are two ongoing projects between the DENR and the Korea International Cooperation Agency.

These include the establishment of an Integrated Water Resources Management and Information System for the Pampanga River Basin Phase 2 and the enhancement of marine litter management in Manila Bay.

There are also potential collaborations with the Philippine Space Agency and Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration, according to the DENR. — **Luisa Maria Jacinta C. Jocsos**



## Palay prices up 0.1% month on month in May

THE average farmgate price of palay (unmilled rice) rose 0.1% to P17.24 per kilogram in May compared to April, according to the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA).

The year-on-year rise was 1.6%.

"Compared to the previous month's year-on-year growth, higher annual increases in the average farmgate prices of palay during the month were noted in Central Luzon, Western Visayas, and Zamboanga Peninsula," the PSA reported.

"In addition, after exhibiting negative annual (growth) rates in the previous month, Ilocos Region, Cagayan Valley, Central Visayas, and Davao

Region posted positive annual growth during the period," it added.

Western Visayas registered the highest annual increment of 10.2% this month while Mimaropa had the steepest decline at 5.8%.

The Department of Agriculture (DA) has announced that President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., who is also Agriculture Secretary, ordered the department to focus on increasing agricultural production and ensuring ample supply to keep prices affordable.

Undersecretary for Consumer and Political Affairs Kristine Y. Evangelista said that the government is focused on stabilizing prices.

"When (Mr. Marcos) told us before that we have to reconstruct the value chain, it's taking into account (our) supply sources and at the same time the demand requirement of consumers, including institutional buyers, industrial users," she added.

The DA is currently assessing its current projects and programs, according to Ms. Evangelista.

With high input and production costs inevitable due to the crisis in Ukraine, she said that there is also a need to review the distribution of subsidies to farmers, fisherfolk, and animal raisers. — **Luisa Maria Jacinta C. Jocsos**