

# DICT won't ban Roblox after safety commitments



THE Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) said it will not ban access to Roblox in the Philippines after the platform committed to strengthen its safety measures.

"Roblox laid out and explained stricter safeguards on its platform, including tighter monitoring, reporting mechanisms, and age-appropriate content controls," DICT said in a statement on Tuesday.

The DICT, together with the Cybercrime Investigation and

Coordinating Center (CICC), said it will focus on strengthening security across digital platforms instead of imposing a ban or restricting access to Roblox.

Roblox has committed to conducting an information campaign to guide users on online safety and proper use of the platform, the DICT said. It added that parental control features include screen time monitoring, blocking inappropriate content, and selecting age-appropriate content.

Roblox is an online gaming platform that allows users to interact within a virtual environment and engage with other players.

The National Telecommunications Commission (NTC), along with the DICT and the CICC, had earlier convened over safety concerns following complaints that Roblox's open, user-generated setup had been exploited, exposing children to potential risks, including violent extremism.

"Digital Pinoy welcomes the reforms agreed upon by Roblox,

the DICT, and the CICC as a necessary step toward strengthening child safety and accountability on the platform," Ronald B. Gustilo, a national campaigner for the Digital Pinoy group, said in a Viber message on Tuesday.

He said measures such as stricter age verification, content moderation, and stronger law enforcement coordination could help build a more robust framework to protect users, particularly minors, from online risks. — Ashley Erika O. Jose

## Manila Water's Wawa project shortlisted for global award

RAZON-LED Manila Water Co., Inc. said its P26-billion bulk water supply project has been shortlisted for an international award, marking recognition of a key infrastructure asset that supports water supply in Metro Manila and nearby areas.

In a statement on Tuesday, the company said the Upper Wawa Dam has been shortlisted for the Water Project of the Year category at the Global Water Awards organized by industry publication Global Water Intelligence.

The awards honor projects, companies, and technologies that "deliver transformative impact, innovation, and long-term sustainability in addressing global water challenges."

"Being shortlisted signals that a project is among the world's most significant water initiatives, evaluated by an international panel of experts against the highest global benchmarks," Manila Water said.

The Upper Wawa Dam forms part of the Wawa Bulk Water Supply Project, which aims to strengthen water supply for the east zone of Metro Manila and Rizal province.

Commissioned on Dec. 31, 2025, the project has a capacity of up to 710 million liters per day and is the largest water supply dam built in the country in more than 50 years.

The project serves around 3.5 million people and is designed to reduce reliance on Angat Dam, a key water source for Metro Manila.

Manila Water said the shortlisting places the project alongside other international initiatives that "exemplify innovation, scale, and societal impact."

"It underscores how the Philippines is advancing solutions that move beyond temporary fixes toward long-term water security, flood protection, and climate adaptation for rapidly growing and climate-exposed urban centers," the company said.

Last year, Manila Water completed the P37.8-billion acquisition of the Wawa Bulk Water Supply Project from its parent firm, Prime Infrastructure Capital, Inc., allowing it to take full control of the asset. — **Sheldeen Joy Talavera**

## Mead Johnson relocates Philippine headquarters to Uptown Bonifacio

MEAD JOHNSON Nutrition Philippines said it is relocating its Philippine headquarters to Uptown Eastgate in Uptown Bonifacio, Taguig, as it consolidates its local operations with Reckitt Philippines.

Reckitt produces Lysol, Strepsils, Durax, Veet, and Mead Johnson brands including Enfamil, Lactum, and Sustagen.

Uptown Eastgate is a 31-storey, LEED Gold-certified office tower with about 100,000 square meters (sq.m.) of gross leasable area and floor plates of up to 5,000 sq.m., among the largest in the market.

The company will join other multinational firms operating in Uptown Bonifacio, including JPMorganChase, Google, Tesla, and Coca-Cola.

"Uptown Bonifacio continues to attract the world's biggest companies because it offers a complete ecosystem for success — modern office developments complemented by a vibrant commercial district and topnotch residential condominium towers. Our developments meet the highest international standards for workspace, connectivity, and

sustainability, making it the ideal location for multinational headquarters and shared services operations," Megaworld Global Offices Head Francisco Ma. D. Roxas said in a statement on Tuesday.

Uptown Bonifacio hosts more than 30 local and multinational companies across seven office towers, employing over 60,000 professionals.

Megaworld Corp. manages about 900,000 sq.m. of office space in Bonifacio Global City, part of its 1.7 million sq.m. nationwide office portfolio, according to CBRE Philippines.

Megaworld said leasing revenues from its premier office segment rose 11% to P14.9 billion in 2025, driven by new assets, rental adjustments, lease renewals, and demand from business process outsourcing firms and multinational companies.

The company recorded more than 330,000 sq.m. of office transactions during the year, including about 180,000 sq.m. in new leases, with the rest from renewals.

"Megaworld also ended 2025 as the top office lessor in the country,



MEAD JOHNSON'S new headquarters in the Philippines will be located at Uptown Eastgate in Uptown Bonifacio, Taguig City.

closing an industry-leading 162,000 sq.m. of office transactions, consisting of expansions from top-tier BPOs and multinational firms according to property consultancy firm CBRE," Megaworld said.

CBRE ranked Megaworld as the top office lessor nationwide, leading in Metro Manila as well as in provincial hubs such as Pampanga, Bacolod City, Iloilo City, and Davao City.

At the stock exchange on Tuesday, shares in Megaworld rose 0.98% to close at P2.07 each. — **Alexandria Grace C. Magno**



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