



GMA asks Pinoys to help mitigate climate change

KORONADAL CITY – President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo urged Filipinos to help in mitigating the adverse effects of climate change even as they confront the challenges posed by the global economic crunch.

Keynoting commemoration of the country's 111th Independence Day at the Rizal grounds, the President said climate change "ranks high on the list of challenges that must not be forgotten in the rush to fix a world economy in crisis."

"We also must not lose sight of the challenges we were already addressing before the onset of the global economic crisis," she stressed.

She pointed out that the challenge of climate change, and its devastating permanent impact on economies around the world, "will still be with us long after the global economy returns to health."

As part of the government efforts to help mitigate climate change, the President said her administration is focused on developing renewable energy sources.

She said renewable energy resources help ensure sustainable power supply, reduce reliance on external sources and attain a higher level of self-sufficiency.

The Chief Executive said the Biofuels

Law and the newly-passed Renewable Energy Act of 2008 offer significant incentives to companies that wish to invest in renewable energy projects in the country.

"We are encouraging investors to take part in the development of alternative energy," she emphasized.

She cited as example the proposed hydro-electric plant in Lake Sebu, which is still in the feasibility study stage, and the Korean jatropa (tuba-tuba) plantation in the SOCSKSARGEN area that will have its own biodiesel processing facilities.

SOCSKSARGEN is a sub-region of Region 12 that includes South Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani, and General Santos City.

The President said the government is now focused on promoting investments in developing the wealth of the country's natural and renewable energy resources.

The Department of Energy noted that the country has vast natural and renewable energy potentials including 4,531 MW of geothermal power; 13,097 MW from hydropower, 277 million barrels of fuel oil equivalent from biomass; 5.0-5.1 kwh/m2/day from solar energy; 76,600 MW wind power; and 170,000 MW from ocean waves. (*Inquirer.net*)

TIMES ARE CHANGING. President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo addresses attendees of the High-Level Dialogue on Climate Change Wednesday, June 17 at the Asian Development Bank in Mandaluyong City east of Manila. The Asian Development Bank said Wednesday it would double its clean energy investments in the region to \$2 billion yearly to help cut greenhouse emissions that are blamed for global warming.

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