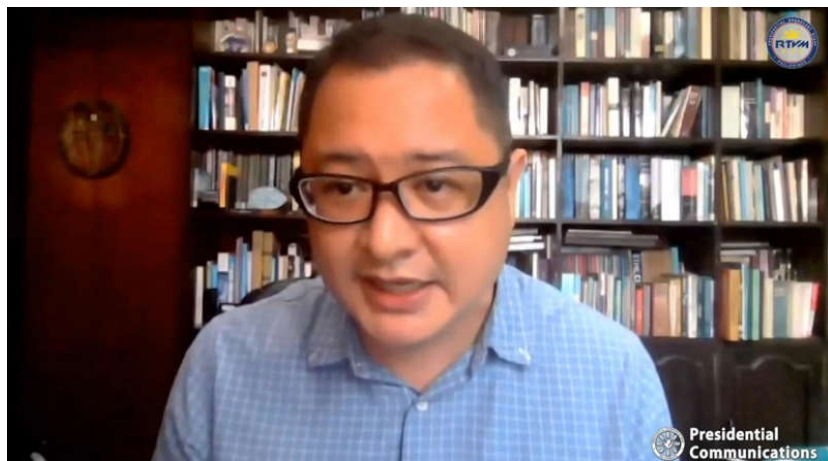


Philippines now sees signs of 'endemicity' –health expert



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DOH advisory group member Dr. Edsel Salvaña at Jan. 6, 2022 briefing

The Philippines is already seeing signs of shifting from a pandemic to an endemic state due to its improved healthcare utilization rate and decreasing COVID-19 infections, an infectious disease expert said Wednesday.

During a Laging Handa briefing, Dr. Edsel Salvaña explained the transition to an endemic situation is not quick as it undergoes a gradual process.

However, with the low healthcare utilization rate and new daily COVID-19 cases recorded, the country might already be moving forward towards the endemic state, he said.

“Nakikita na naman natin ‘yung signs of endemicity dito na hindi na nape-pressure ang ating healthcare system, manageable na, meron tayong mga lunas para dito, and we know how to prevent it with our masks and our vaccines,” he said.

“In a way, nagiging endemic na siya. Every single day na the cases remain low, that’s a step forward towards endemicity,” he added.

(We are already seeing here the signs of endemicity that our healthcare system is no longer under pressure, it is manageable, we have cures for the virus, and we know how to prevent it with our masks and our vaccines. In a way, the country is becoming endemic. Every single day that the cases remain low, that’s a step forward towards endemicity.)



The Department of Health (DOH) on Tuesday reported 225 new COVID-19 infections, the lowest COVID-19 tally this year, adding the nationwide caseload to 3 679 982

Based on DOH's latest data, the bed occupancy in the country is at 16.9%, with 5,592 beds occupied, while 27,579 were

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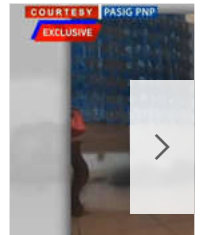
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MANILA, Philippines — Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte has approved an ordinance that will include environmental criteria in the technical specifications for the procurement of goods, services and infrastructure.

passed to end the practice, Senate President Tito Sotto said on Wednesday.

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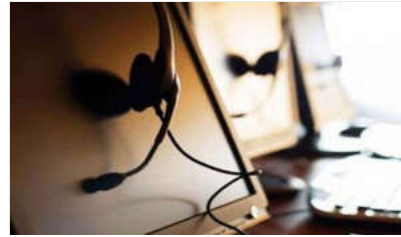
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MANILA, Philippines — Twelve children were rescued by police from two suspected members of an online trafficking ring in Taguig on Tuesday. In a report, Southern Police District (SPD) chief Brig. Gen. Jimili Macaraeg said the suspects, aged 39 and 33, were arrested during an entertainment association...



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Malacañang on Wednesday pointed out that indigenous peoples groups and local government units (LGUs) were being involved in negotiations for the commencement of the Kaliwa Dam project in Quezon and Rizal provinces.



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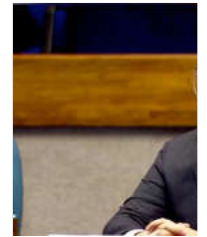
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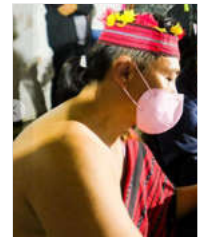
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