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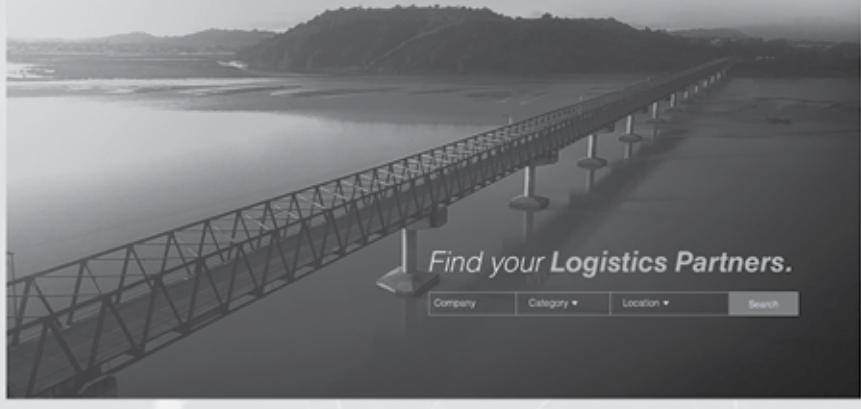
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PH cargo throughput up 12.6% for Jan-Sept

- Cargo volume handled by Philippine ports for the first nine months of 2021 grew 12.6%
- Domestic cargoes increased 4% while foreign cargoes rose 18.2%
- Container traffic improved 11.4% to 5.481 million TEUs
- Shipcalls and roll-on/roll-off traffic advanced 9% and 32%, respectively, while passenger traffic declined 29.5% due to ongoing travel restrictions

registered increases during the period, preliminary data from the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) showed.

From January to September 2021, ports under PPA jurisdiction processed 200.051 million metric tons, higher than the 177.656 million MT recorded in the same period last year.

Foreign cargoes represented 64% of the total and domestic cargoes, 36%.

Foreign cargoes increased 18.2% to 127.652 million MT in the first nine months of the year from 108.014 million MT year-on-year.

Domestic cargoes expanded 4% to *Turn to page 3*

CARGO volume handled by Philippine ports for the first nine months of 2021 grew 12.6% as both domestic and foreign cargoes

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PH trial exchange of ASEAN customs declaration document set this month

- The Philippines, together with four other ASEAN member states, will conduct this month an end-to-end testing of the electronic exchange of the ASEAN Customs Declaration Document (ACDD)*
- Once all parameters have been approved by ASEAN, the Philippines may start exchanging live ACDD data through the ASEAN Single Window by December 2021*
- BOC said the electronic exchange of ACDD supports the customs authority in the importing country to carry out risk management activities*
- It benefits participating exporters by reducing customs clearance time for their shipments*

THE Philippines, together with four other Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member states, will conduct this month an end-to-end testing of the electronic exchange of the ASEAN Customs Declaration Document (ACDD) before it joins the live operation in December.

This follows the country's successful preliminary activities and connectivity testing for the electronic exchange of ACDD, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) said in a statement.

During the ACDD end-to-end testing period, the Philippines, together with Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Laos, and Vietnam, will conduct two test cycles to be monitored by the ASEAN Secretariat.

Once all parameters have been approved by ASEAN, the Philippines may start exchanging live ACDD data in the ASEAN Single Window (ASW) production environment by December 2021.

The ACDD is a multipurpose docu-

ment used to facilitate the exchange of export declaration information among ASEAN member states. The ASW, on the other hand, is the regional initiative to speed up cargo clearance and promote regional economic integration by enabling the electronic exchange of border documents among the 10 ASEAN member states.

In December 2020, Cambodia, Myanmar, and Singapore began exchanging the ACDD through the ASW, followed by Malaysia and Thailand from March 31, 2021. The remaining ASEAN member states are expected to join the live operation within 2021.

BOC said the electronic ACDD supports the customs authority in the importing country to carry out their risk management activities.

Benefits to exporters

The pilot electronic exchange aims to benefit participating exporters by reducing customs clearance time for shipments which are supported by the ACDD and imported into exchange-ready ASEAN member states.

Moreover, BOC said it will broaden economic integration, support the digitization of BOC processes, and maximize the potential of intra-ASEAN trade.

Last August, BOC said it completed bidding for its ACDD System. This will enable the Philippines to electronically exchange ACDD on the ASW and help the country digitize trade processes and maximize the potential of intra-ASEAN trade.

Philippine exporters can already exchange electronic certificates of origin with other ASEAN member states. BOC and other government agencies are also working to onboard trade regulatory government agencies to TradeNet, the

country's national single window. A

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Philippine economy grows 7.1% in third quarter

- The Philippine economy grew 7.1% in the third quarter from the same period last year*
- The latest figure is slower than the 12% growth recorded in the second quarter*
- But it is an improvement from the 11.6% contraction posted in the third quarter of 2020*
- Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Karl Kendrick Chua said the country is on track to reach the high end of the country's 4% to 5% growth target for 2021*

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The third-quarter gross domestic product was an improvement from the 11.6% contraction in the same quarter in 2020, although slower than the adjusted 12% growth in the second quarter of 2021, according to the Philippine Statistics Authority.

On the production side, the industry sector expanded 7.9%, while the services sector grew 8.2%.

In contrast, agriculture declined 1.7% as the increase in rice production was offset by typhoon damages to other agricultural crops and by the effects of the African Swine Fever outbreak in hog supply.

On the expenditure side, growth was primarily driven by household

consumption, which grew 7.1% and accounted for 5.2 percentage points of overall GDP growth.

Government expenditure returned to a positive growth trend at 13.6%, reversing its contraction in the previous quarter.

Total investments jumped 22%, driven by public and private construction that advanced 55.3% and 12.2%, respectively.

On external trade, exports increased 9% while imports rose 13.2% in the third quarter of 2021.

In a joint statement by the country's economic managers delivered by Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Karl Kendrick Chua, he said the "sustained economic expansion" in the third quarter of 2021 was achieved despite stringent quarantine measures during the period to

contain the highly infectious COVID-19 Delta variant.

Chua said that with the third-quarter GDP expansion, "we are on track to reach the high end of our 4 to 5% growth target for 2021."

Year-to-date GDP growth is currently at 4.9%. Last year, the economy shrank 9.5%, the sharpest annual dip on record since 1946 as restrictions to the economy brought by the COVID-10 pandemic took their toll.

Chua said that to further sustain growth this year and next year, the government will further accelerate its vaccination program, reopen to Alert Level 1—the least strict quarantine status—in January 2022, and maximize the use of the 2021 budget.

THE Philippine economy expanded 7.1% in the third quarter of 2021 year-on-year, putting the country on track to hitting the

of the old runway; pavement markings; ground service road marking and aircraft nose wheel stop line signages; and other access road construction.

Asphalting of the access roads and the taxiway extension at CRK's southern portion are also almost complete.

Aquino said these projects "are laid down ahead of the new normal setting, post-pandemic, which will be a return to the bustle of air travel and Clark airport's expected profitability."

CIAC is the government agency tasked to manage and develop the 200-hectare Clark civil aviation complex, which is home to CRK and around 45 locators engaged in aviation- and non-aviation related businesses.

CRK is operated by private contractor Luzon International Premier Airport Development Corp.

CLARK International Airport's (CRK) P316.4-million, 18-story air traffic control tower is expected to begin operations on April 24, 2022.

- The 54-meter airport control tower will replace the old tower and become the tallest in the country once completed*
- The P2.4-billion horizontal infrastructure projects for CRK are 99.4% complete and include an airport ramp and a taxiway*

the country, Clark International Airport Corp. (CIAC) said in a statement. In contrast, Ninoy Aquino International Airport's control tower is about 40 meters high and Mactan-Cebu International Airport's, 30 meters.

CIAC president Aaron Aquino said CRK's existing control tower needs to be replaced as it is more than 50 years old and has exceeded its intended lifespan. Moreover, it has line-of-sight issues inconsistent with the national government's current master plan for the airport.

Aside from the control tower, the P2.4-billion horizontal infrastructure projects for CRK are also almost complete, CIAC said.

At 99.4% completion are the airport ramp and taxiway along the new passenger terminal building of CRK; asphalt overlay

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PPA cuts requirements, fees of transport service providers

- The Philippine Ports Authority has reduced application requirements for a Certificate of Accreditation
- Under Administrative Order No. 06-2021, the agency also provides a discount for the Permit to Operate processing fee until December 31, 2021
- In addition, AO 06-2021 allows applicants to choose a PTO validity period
- The changes aim to “ease the burden” of transport service providers as the economy transitions to the “new normal”, PPA said

THE Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) has reduced the processing fee for Permit to Operate (PTO) applications of transport service providers until the end of the year at the same time cut requirements for application of a Certificate of Accreditation (CA).

These are part of new guidelines under PPA Administrative Order (AO) No. 06-2021, signed by PPA general manager Jay Daniel Santiago on October 28.

The order aims to “ease the burden” of transport service providers as the economy transitions to the “new normal”. It amends PPA AO 06-2019, which provides guidelines for the accreditation of port service providers.

The CA requirements for transport

service providers are now as follows:

- Duly filled-out application form with Omnibus Statement from PPA
- Articles of Incorporation/Partnership (for corporate partnership), Certificate of Business Name Registration (for sole proprietorship), or Certificate of Registration (for cooperative)
- Latest income tax return (ITR) for existing entities
- Proof of authorization like secretary's certificate (for corporation, partnership or cooperative) or authorization letter signed by the sole proprietor (for single proprietorship).

Documentary requirements for application of a PTO are, however, unchanged as prescribed under AO 09-2020, which provides revised guidelines on the issuance of PTO for the provision of ancillary services in the ports.

Choice of validity period

AO 06-2021 also allows applicants to choose a validity period for the PTO: one, two or three years, a departure from the fixed three-year validity period under AO 09-2020.

The validity of the CA remains three years under AO 06-2019. Application for renewal of both CA and PTO is also still not later than 60 days before expiration.

Moreover, AO 06-2021 provides a discount for the processing fee of PTOs until December 31, 2021. The reduced processing fees are as follows, exclusive

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The processing fee for CA application remains at P3,000.

In a statement on November 6, PPA GM Santiago said the revised guidelines is the agency's “gesture of cooperation

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New consortium pitches to develop Sangley Airport

second bidding a failure

A new consortium of local and foreign firms has submitted an unsolicited proposal to the Cavite provincial government to develop Sangley Point International Airport (SPIA) in Cavite City.

The SPIA Development Consortium proposal for a joint venture with the Cavite government came after the latter declared on October 20 the project's second bidding a failure.

SPIA Development Consortium is composed of domestic firms Cavitex Holdings, Inc., MacroAsia Corp.; and Yuchengco Group of Companies; and foreign partners South Korean-based Samsung C&T Corp.; Munich Airport International GmbH, the management services arm of Munich Airport; and London-based creative planning, design, and engineering firm Arup Group

The proposal comes after the Cavite provincial government on October 20 declared the project's

and engineering firm Arup Group.

“We share the vision of delivering SPIA as a modern, world-class, efficient and green international hub airport and new main gateway to the country that Caviteños and all Filipinos will be truly proud of,” the consortium said in a statement.

The consortium said the proposed partnership with the Cavite provincial government “will encompass the development, design, financing, construction, operation and maintenance of the Sangley airport project that is seen to provide an alternative to, and ease the congestion at, the Ninoy Aquino International Airport as well as boost economic growth and enhance the local tourism and aviation industries.”

In a separate regulatory disclosure, MacroAsia said it has been invited to be

a non-equity partner in the consortium. It will provide management and technical services for aviation support and logistics if the consortium bags the project.

To recall, MacroAsia and its joint venture partner China Communications Construction Company Ltd. were the sole bidder to the P208.5-billion contract to develop and implement Phase 1 of SPIA, and were awarded the contract in February 2020. A year later in February 2021, the Cavite provincial government cancelled the award of contract, citing various deficiencies in submission of requirements.

SPIA is being positioned as an alternative to congested NAIA and is envisioned to rival Singapore's Changi International Airport, the Hong Kong International Airport, and South Korea's Incheon International Airport.

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PH cargo throughput up 12.6%...

72.399 million MT from 69.643 million MT.

Of the total foreign cargoes, imports accounted for 56% while the rest were exports.

Imports improved 7.2% to 71.037 million MT from 66.277 million MT, while exports jumped 35.6% to 56.615 million MT from 41.737 million MT.

In terms of region, Luzon contributed 52% to the total cargo volume, followed by Mindanao with 32% and Visayas with 16%.

Cargoes handled by Luzon ports in the first nine months of 2021 reached 104.536 million MT, up 10.5% from 94.561 million MT in the same period last year.

Visayas ports registered the highest growth among the regions with a 21.9% expansion to 31.485 million MT from 25.837 million MT last year.

Mindanao ports posted an 11.8% increment to 64.031 million MT from 57.258 million MT.

Container volume up 11.4%

Container traffic in the January to

September 2021 period reached 5.481 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEU), 11.4% higher than the 4.919 million TEUs recorded in the same period last year.

Domestic containers rose 6% to 2.127 million TEUs from 2.007 million TEUs, while foreign containers advanced 15.1% to 3.354 million TEUs from 2.913 million TEUs.

Import containers hit 1.684 million TEUs, up 16% from 1.452 million TEUs last year. Export containers improved 14.3% to 1.670 million TEUs from 1.461 million TEUs.

All three regions recorded growth in container volumes in the first nine months of 2021.

Luzon ports handled 4.000 million TEUs, 14% more than the 3.509 million TEUs last year.

Visayas ports saw a slight increase (0.4%) to 355,158.75 TEUs from 353,776 TEUs, while container traffic at Mindanao ports grew 6.5% to 1.125 million TEUs from 1.057 million TEUs.

Shipcalls in the first nine months of

2021 were 9% higher at 268,785 vessels from 246,776 vessels in the same period in 2020.

Domestic shipcalls, which accounted for almost 97% of the total, reached 259,851 vessels, up 9.2% from the 237,927 vessels logged last year.

Foreign shipcalls also improved 1% to 8,934 vessels from 8,849 vessels.

Continuing travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic continued to affect passenger traffic, registering 29.5% less at 14.99 million in January to September 2021 from 21.252 million year-on-year.

Roll-on/roll-off traffic, meanwhile, grew 32% for the first nine months of 2021 to 4.846 from 3.669 million in the same period in 2020.

Full-year targets

PPA general manager Jay Daniel Santiago earlier said the agency expected a further increase in cargo volumes in the fourth quarter as the holiday season approached, as well as early next year due to heightened activities in China in view

of the Chinese New Year.

For full-year 2021, PPA forecasts a 5% increase in cargo volume across all operational areas but this is lower than the 7% increase forecast last March. Container volume is predicted to grow by 6% to 8% for the full year.

The reduced forecast is based on National Economic and Development Authority macroeconomic estimates, PPA noted. Just last August, the Development Budget Coordination Committee, of which NEDA is a member, revised downward its growth assumption for this year to 4% to 5% from 6% to 7% previously as stricter quarantine restrictions were being reimposed in various areas of the country to address heightened risks brought by the COVID-19 Delta variant.

For full-year 2021, PPA's cargo throughput target is 244,001 million MT, higher than the 243,989 million MT posted in 2020.

For containerized cargoes, the target this year is 7.09 million TEUs from 6.757 million TEUs in 2020. —
Roumina Pablo

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THE Philippines continues to enjoy lower tariffs when exporting certain products to member states of the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU), according to the Philexport News and Features report.

The EEU comprising Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz and Armenia retained the Philippines among developing beneficiary countries subject to preferential tariffs under its Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) starting October 12.

This, even after the EEU Council decided to reduce the number of developing countries subject to preferential tariffs, which are preferentially applied to 75% of the basic tariff rate, from 103 countries/regions to just 29 countries.

Countries/regions that have transitioned from preferential tariffs to basic tariffs include Brazil, Vietnam, Hong Kong, India, China, South Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Turkey and South Africa.

In an earlier statement, the Department of Trade and Industry-Export Marketing Bureau (DTI-EMB) said products covered by the EEU GSP are eligible for a 25% discount on customs duties. These include food, furniture, and industrial goods.

Food products include meat, fish, fruits, coffee, cacao, coconut products, sauces, and condiments.

Furniture, gifts, and houseware in the list are articles of wood, basket ware, artificial flowers, statuettes, ceramics, and imitation jewelry. Also included are industrial goods like natural rubber.

Meanwhile, the least developed countries that apply preferential tariffs, which are exempt from tariffs, have also been reduced from 50 to 48.

Vanuatu has moved to a regular favored country and Equatorial Guinea has been removed from the list.

The EEU includes high-income countries with gross national income (GNI) per capita of over \$12,535 and high- and middle-income countries (\$4,046- \$ 12,535) classified by the World Bank as criteria for preferential countries/regions.

P16.9M worth of Ecstasy seized

- A government team apprehended illegal party drugs shipped from Belgium and which landed in Clark
- The drugs were concealed in four bed sheets from a shipment declared as "Bed Sheets, Lady Bag, Watch, Shoes, Cloth"
- Chemical laboratory analysis confirmed the tablets to be Ecstasy
- A controlled delivery operation was conducted on the consignee's address at Brgy. Tatalon, Quezon City, resulting in arrest of the claimant

tablets suspected to be Ecstasy were found. A K9 sweeping and initial field testing by CAIDTF & PDEA were conducted, and indicated the presence of illegal drugs. The samples were turned over to PDEA for chemical laboratory analysis. The tablets were confirmed to be methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA) or Ecstasy.

District Collector Alexandra Lumontad issued a Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the shipment for violation of Sections 1400, 118 (g), 119 (d) and 1113 par. f, i & l (3 & 4) of Republic Act 10863 (Customs Modernization and Tariff Act) in relation to RA 9165 (Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002).

On November 5, 2021, a controlled delivery operation was conducted by the joint elements of PDEA, CAIDTF, ESS and CIIS on the consignee's address at Brgy. Tatalon, Quezon City, resulting in arrest of the claimant.

The illegal drugs will be turned over to PDEA pursuant to Customs Administrative Order No. 03-2020; the claimant will be subjected to inquest proceedings.

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PH Sept manufacturing posts triple-digit jump for 6th consecutive month

- *Philippine manufacturing recorded its sixth month of continued triple-digit growth in September 2021, albeit at a slower pace than in previous months*
- *Volume of Production Index increased 124% while Value of Production Index rose 122.7% in September 2021*

THE Philippine manufacturing sector recorded its sixth month of continued triple-digit growth in September 2021 although at a slower pace than in previous months, based on latest data from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA).

The Volume of Production Index (VoPI) in September 2021 rose 124%,

slower than the 533.6% increase registered in the previous month but reversing the 56.7% decline in the same month last year, according to PSA's latest Monthly Integrated Survey of Selected Industries.

The latest result is notably due to low base effects, with the manufacturing sector in September 2020 adversely affected by COVID-19-related restrictions in the country that started in March 2020 and which pulled down production and sales indices for the sector.

The increase in VoPI was brought about by positive growth rates of 13 industry divisions. Of these industries, manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products remained the major contributing factor with 739.7% growth. In comparison, the

remaining nine industry divisions recorded decreases led by manufacture of tobacco products with a -52.8% annual rate.

The Value of Production Index (VaPI) likewise grew 122.7% in September 2021. The increment was, however, slower than the 527.3% increase registered in the previous month but a reversal from the -59% drop in September 2020.

The growth in VaPI was contributed by increases in 13 of the 22 industry divisions that registered positive annual growth rates. Among these, the top contributor was manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products with 890.1% annual growth rate. On the other hand, the remaining nine industry divisions recorded decreases with manufacture of

tobacco products registering the fastest annual decline of -52.6%.

Based on responding establishments to the survey, the average capacity utilization rate for the manufacturing sector in September 2021 improved to 66.5% from 66.2% in August 2021.

Twenty of 22 industry divisions had more than 50% average capacity utilization rate, led by manufacture of furniture (85%), manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products (81%), and manufacture of tobacco products (79%).

About 23.1% of the total responding establishments operated at full capacity (90% to 100%). Meanwhile, 38.5% operated at 70% to 89% capacity, while 38.4% operated below 70% capacity.

CEVA wins PH warehousing contract for global spirits maker

- *The new three-year contract builds on an existing two-year freight management relationship with Diageo in the Philippines*
- *CEVA will provide freight management and warehousing services for the wine and spirits maker in the local market*
- *Diageo will become one of the first clients at the soon-to-be-completed CEVA Logistics Ruhale Taguig warehouse in Manila*

handle its warehousing requirements and value-added services in the Philippines.

The third-party logistics service provider in a release said the new deal builds on its existing relationship with Diageo over the last two years, with CEVA responsible for handling Diageo's air and ocean import brokerage requirements.

The new contract makes CEVA the only third-party logistics firm to provide Diageo with transport and warehousing services in the country.

Under the terms of the contract, Diageo will become one of the first clients at the soon-to-be-completed CEVA Logistics Ruhale Taguig warehouse in Manila.

CEVA Logistics announced it has entered into a new three-year contract with global alcoholic beverage producer Diageo to

CEVA will manage full distribution center operations for Diageo's range of products, including a temperature-controlled section for domestic distribution throughout the Philippines.

CEVA will also provide tax stamping and labelling of more than four million bottles each year.

It will likewise deliver full transparency to the customer to enable improved monitoring of the entire operation through its warehouse management software which will be integrated with Diageo's enterprise resource planning platform.

Said Elaine Low, CEVA managing

director for Southeast Asia and Pacific: "Our experienced team has built an excellent working relationship with Diageo in the Philippines over the last two years. Handling their brokerage business has enabled them to benefit from our responsive logistics solutions, and we are delighted to have them in the Ruhale facility where we can add even more value to their supply chain by managing their full distribution center operations."

Part of the CMA CGM shipping and logistics group, CEVA provides and operates transportation and supply chain solutions for large and medium-size national and global companies.

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tivity boost and other benefits offset the economic costs to be incurred by the government, such as foregone revenues.

Dominguez said the Makati City government and the Department of Trans-

portation should work out details of how to connect the proposed subway to the 36-kilometer (km) Metro Manila Subway project of the national government.

In October 2018, the Makati City

government awarded the public-private partnership project to Philippine Infradev Holdings Inc. and its partners.

The Makati subway will be a 10-km intra-city mass transport system with up to

10 stations that will traverse Makati City's central business districts. It is expected to accommodate up to 700,000 passengers per day aboard six car trains, each with a capacity of about 200 people.

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