



## Statement on MAKATI CITY'S DECLARATION OF CLIMATE EMERGENCY 11 August 2022

The Climate Change Commission (CCC) acknowledges Makati City's declaration of a state of climate emergency.

Makati joins four (4) other local government units (LGUs) – Bacolod City, Cebu City, Quezon City, and Tolosa, Leyte – that issued resolutions on climate emergency.

Declarations of climate emergency clearly indicate the gravity of climate change and its widely felt impacts at the local level.

The Philippine Congress on the other hand, has adopted resolutions on Climate Emergency in 2020 and Climate Justice in 2022, underscoring the need for coherent, transformative, and collaborative climate action.

For climate change action to be truly transformative, a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach is vital. Coordinated national and local climate actions will be crucial towards success.

As President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr. aptly said, "if we cannot mitigate climate change, all our plans for the economy and our future will be for naught."

The President's vision of a more climate-resilient and climate smart Philippines provides instructive guidance for timely climate action by all stakeholders.

The CCC will continue to closely coordinate with all stakeholders to further bolster the nation's collective efforts to achieve "Climate Resilient and Climate Smart Philippines by 2050", through a roadmap for an upper-middle income, low-carbon, climate-smart, and climate-resilient economy. **END** 

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