

SPACE TRAVEL – A group of friends poses for photos to take advantage of the mesmerizing interactive displays at the Space and Time Cube+ immersive art museum in a mall in Pasay City on Sunday, August 3, 2025. Visitors can explore a wide range of interactive displays, three-dimensional illusions, and holographic displays at the museum. (Santi San Juan)

EDCA sites activated for delivery of relief goods – US envoy

By RAYMUND ANTONIO

The Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement (EDCA) sites have been activated to serve as “staging areas” for

the prepositioning of relief goods and rescue equipment for the victims of the recent typhoons and flooding. This was announced by United States Ambassador MaryKay Carlson in a statement on Saturday, Aug. 2.

Carlson, together with Department of National Defense (DND) Secretary Gilberto Teodoro Jr. thanked the “Filipino and American frontline service members and local officials who worked together to deliver relief

packs to communities affected by recent typhoons and flooding.” “Joined @DNDPHL Sec. Teodoro in Clark to thank Filipino and American service members and local officials delivering @DSWDserves relief

packs to communities affected by recent typhoons and flooding,” Carlson wrote on X (formerly Twitter). “#EDCAinAction sites have been activated to support relief operations,” she added in a post with the hashtag #FriendsPartnersAllies. On Aug. 2, the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) delivered 2,500 tarps from Fort Magsaysay, an EDCA

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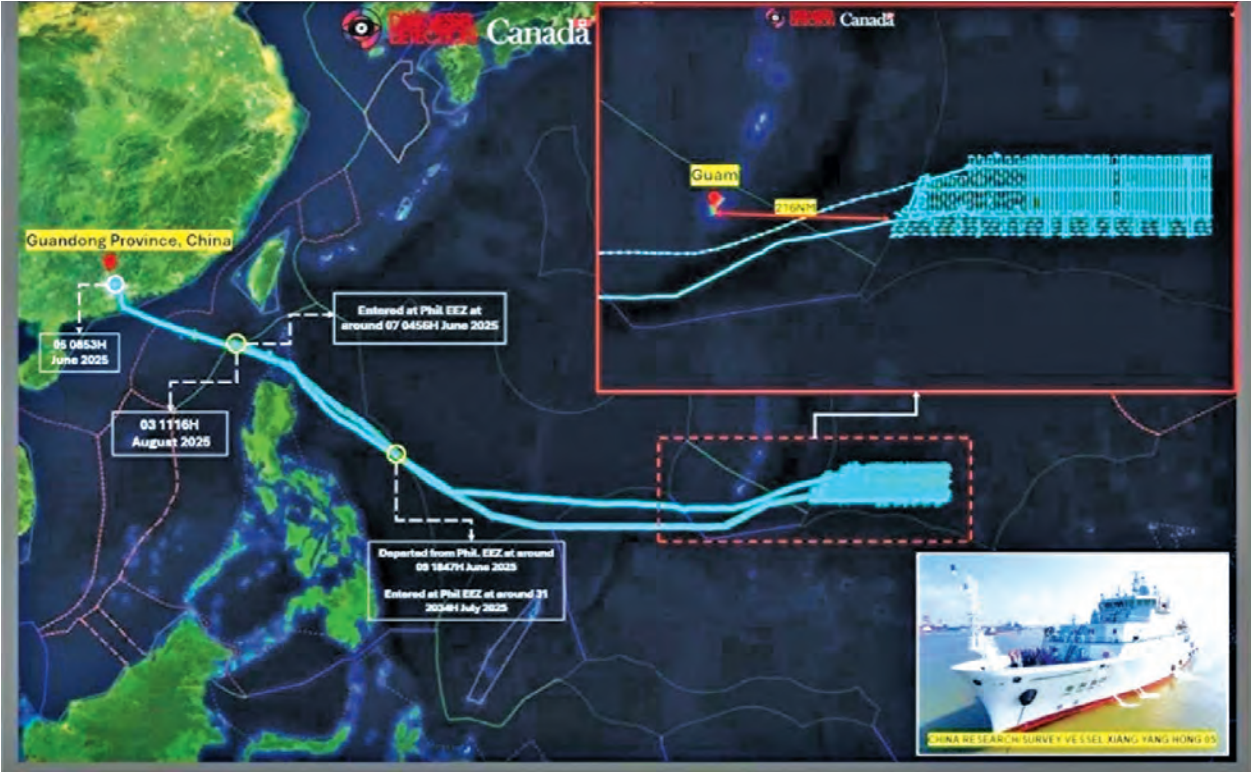
PCG challenges Chinese research vessel surveying West PH Sea for 22 days

By MARTIN SADONGDONG

The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) confronted a Chinese research vessel that has been allegedly surveying the West Philippine Sea (WPS) for 22 days now. PCG Commandant, Admiral Ronnie Gil Gavan ordered the deployment of an aircraft on Saturday, Aug. 2, to conduct a maritime domain awareness (MDA) flight over the waters of Cagayan after the agency monitored Chinese research vessel “Xiang Yang Hong 05” approximately 37 nautical miles off the coast of Santa Ana town. During the MDA flight, the PCG

said the research vessel was physically sighted at a distance of 14.92 nautical miles from Babuyan Island. “The vessel was challenged by the PCG aircraft but did not respond,” PCG spokesperson for West Philippine Sea (WPS) Commodore Jay Tarriela said in a statement Sunday, Aug. 3. According to the PCG, the research vessel departed from Guangdong province, China on June 5 en route to WPS. It entered the Philippines’ exclusive economic zone (EEZ) on June 7, approximately 130 nautical miles from Burgos, Ilocos Norte. It left on June 9 but re-entered the EEZ last July 31.

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LONG VOYAGE – An image provided by the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) shows the historical trail of Chinese research vessel Xiang Yang Hong 05 from June 5 to August 3, 2025.

Total ban on street parking in NCR may face challenges – Zamora



TRAFFIC BUSTER – Vehicles are shown parked on both sides of Escolta Street in Sta. Cruz, Manila, on Sunday, August 3, 2025. The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) on Friday suggested a parking ban in major streets to ease the worsening traffic situation in the National Capital Region (NCR). (John Louie Abrina)

By RICHIELYN CANLAS

San Juan City Mayor and re-elected Metro Manila Council (MMC) President Francis Zamora said that a total ban on street parking may face challenges, following the Department of the Interior and Local Government’s (DILG) proposal to prohibit parking on all public streets to help ease traffic congestion in the National Capital Region (NCR). On Friday, August 1, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Chairman Atty. Don

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Gov't develops national plan to protect IPs, ancestral domains

By BETHEENA UNITE

Malacañang said the government has started developing a National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights, focusing on protecting indigenous peoples (IPs) and their ancestral domains. The Palace said the initiative supports President Marcos’ commitment to human rights and inclusive development, as highlighted

in his 2025 State of the Nation Address (SONA). Presidential Human Rights Committee Secretariat (PHRCS) Executive Director and Undersecretary Severo Catura underscored the importance of justice, unity, and respect for IPs in shaping national policies. A maiden workshop was held on July 15 as part of the work to form a national action plan. It brought together over

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