



Press Statement

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Weak El Niño in Progress

Recent PAGASA's climate monitoring and analyses indicate that an El Niño condition is currently on-going. El Niño is characterized by unusually warm ocean surface temperatures in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific (CEEP). Since the last quarter of 2014, warm ocean conditions persisted, which shows that El Niño is in progress.


Weak El Niño is likely to affect the rainfall pattern in the different parts of the country in the coming several months. Impacts also include warmer air temperatures in varying degrees from place to place and from time to time.


The country could still experience normal number of tropical cyclone this year. However, El Niño may cause the behavior of tropical cyclones to become erratic, affecting its tracks and intensity. The tropical cyclone tracks are expected to shift northward and its intensity could become stronger.

With this development, the El Niño Watch/Dry Condition Advisory issued last year is now upgraded to El Niño Advisory. All concerned agencies are advised to take precautionary measures to mitigate the potential adverse impacts of the current El Niño. PAGASA will closely monitor these conditions and regular updates and advisories shall be issued as appropriate.

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