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LA NIÑA ALERT

Recent PAGASA's climate monitoring and analyses suggest that La Niña may develop in the coming months. La Niña is characterized by unusually cool ocean surface temperatures in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific (CEEP). Since August 2020, further cooling of sea surface temperatures (SSTs) have been observed across the CEEP, while atmospheric indicator is now at La Niña thresholds. Most climate models suggest the chance of La Niña forming in 2020 is >70%.

With this development, the country may experience higher chance of strong convective activity and tropical cyclone occurrence which may bring above normal rainfall especially in the eastern sections of the country in the coming several months. Impacts also include slightly warmer air temperatures in varying degrees from place to place and from time to time due to enhanced easterlies. Potential adverse impacts also include floods and landslide over vulnerable areas, with varying magnitude.

All concerned agencies are advised to take precautionary measures to mitigate the potential adverse impacts of developing La Niña. PAGASA will issue the La Niña Advisory in October.

For more information, please call the Climate Monitoring and Prediction Section (CLIMPS), Climatology and Agrometeorology Division (CAD) at telephone number 8284-0800 local 906 or through email: pagasa.climps@gmail.com.

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