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WASHINGTON D.C., United States — President Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr. and his American counterpart President Joe Biden on Monday (early morning Tuesday, Manila time) committed to expand collaboration between the Philippines and the US on renewable energy production.

This, as a bid to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in response to the threat of climate crisis.

In a joint statement, Marcos and Biden recognized that the climate crisis poses an existential threat to the world, noting that the Philippines is vulnerable to the effects of climate change.

“They resolve to expand collaboration on renewable energy production to accelerate the clean energy transition while bringing down energy costs and expanding energy access for families,” the statement read.

“The United States and the Philippines will also pursue an ambitious program of cooperation on wind, solar, and geothermal energy, while enhancing cooperation on reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the waste, road, and shipping sectors,” it added.

According to the statement, Marcos and Biden hailed the progress in negotiating a US-Philippine civil nuclear cooperation agreement (“123 agreement”).

The joint statement was made after the two heads of state held a bilateral meeting on Monday at the White House, where they discussed the improvement of ties between the two nations.

Marcos and Biden also committed to “expand cooperation on environmental protections, including enhanced domain awareness, marine conservation, and protecting coastal areas from environmental degradation.”

They also pledged to promote increased cooperation and knowledge sharing between the United States and the Philippines through the Science and Technology Agreement (STA), and the leaders also welcomed US plans to establish an Open-RAN Interoperability Lab in Manila.

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