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JAKARTA, Indonesia — The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) must urge developed nations to stay true to their commitments to address climate change, President Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr. said on Tuesday during the 43rd Asean Summit in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Marcos told regional leaders that the 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28) will be a chance to get the message across.

“At the upcoming COP28, Asean must call on developed countries to heighten the implementation of their commitments. Their commitments include climate finance, technology development and transfer, and capacity building in order to drive Asean’s capabilities to prevent, mitigate, manage, and adapt to the impacts of climate change,” said Marcos in the Summit’s plenary.

After parts of the country were devastated by Supertyphoon Egay (international name: Doksuri) and Typhoon Falcon (international name: Khanun), Marcos said that the government must prepare for climate change.

“As one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world, the Philippines will continue to prioritize international cooperation that will make Asean climate-smart and disaster-ready, including through the Asean Centre for Biodiversity,” said Marcos.

In the same speech, Marcos—also the Agriculture Secretary— discussed food security and the agriculture sector.

“In achieving food security, we must build on cooperation that will harness the transformative potential of our agricultural sector to ensure that food production is responsible and will be of benefit to future generations,” said Marcos.

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