

### Filipino trees



- 1 A new Filipino regulation would require all graduating elementary school, high school and college students to plant at least 10 trees before they can graduate. The law, which has been passed by the country's lower parliamentary House of Representatives, formalises a tradition of planting trees before graduation. Those supporting the law say the legislation could result in as many as 525 billion trees planted in a generation if it is followed properly. It has not yet been considered by the upper parliamentary chamber, which must approve it before it can be signed into law by the president.
- 2 "With over 12 million students graduating from elementary and nearly five million students graduating from high school and almost 500,000 graduating from college each year, this initiative will ensure that at least 175 million new trees would be planted each year if it is properly implemented," politician Gary Alejano wrote on the law's explanatory note. He added that even with the survival rate of only 10 percent, it would mean an additional 525 million trees would be available for the youth to enjoy in the future.

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