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EnMOs convene for mid-year performance assessment

The Environmental Management Bureau Region 8 (EMB) through the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Section conducted the Mid-Year Assessment of Environmental Monitoring Officers (EnMOs) on July 13–14, 2022 at Calicoan Villa, Guiuan, Eastern Samar. The purpose of the assessment was to provide a venue for EnMOs to present updates, raise issues and concerns, demonstrate insights gained, share best practices, and present their hard-earned accomplishments for the first semester of 2022.



The newly-installed Regional Director of EMB R8, Director Martin Jose V. Despi expressed his appreciation for the effort that the EnMOs have exerted considering that some of them are stationed in distant provinces and have travelled several hours to reach the venue. RD Despi encouraged them to enjoy their work and to always learn from each other.



Moreover, RD Despi conveyed his commitment to lead EMB R8 in achieving the most coveted Environmental Awards for Governance and Leadership Excellence, or the EAGLE award, which, according to him, is a manifestation of the hard work and dedication of employees on the ground. He likewise emphasized the importance of trust and confidence, and he is optimistic about the kind of working relationship he observed in the EMB R8 workplace.



EnMO representatives from each of the six (6) provinces in the Region presented their mid-year accomplishments. Ms. Jessica Inopia, the EnMO assigned at the regional office, also presented the overall regional accomplishment of the EnMOs. Open fora were conducted every after each presentation wherein RD Despi, SWM Section Chief Reggie A. Urmeneta, Environmental Monitoring and Enforcement Division (EMED) Chief For. Manuel J. Saceda, Jr., Clearance and Permitting Division (CPD) Chief Engr. Hennency G. Hayag, and the Provincial Environmental

Management Officers (PEMOs) addressed the issues and concerns raised. Among those discussed were the necessary interventions to enhance the efficiency of education and information campaign (IEC) activities for the barangays, awards and recognitions as forms of positive reinforcement for local government units (LGUs), timelines in the conduct of monitoring and validation of unclean and clean sites, timely and uniform reporting, and the specific roles of EnMOs in the integration of DENR Offices pursuant to DENR Administrative Order 2018-18.



Furthermore, Ms. Reggie A. Urmeneta capacitated the EnMOs on new policy updates to further enhance the implementation of the Solid Waste Enforcement and Education Program (SWEEP) in Region 8.

