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### EMB R8 lays groundwork for the next national search for sustainable and eco-friendly schools

Palo, Leyte – School administrators and teachers from various elementary and secondary schools and state universities in Eastern Visayas gathered for a learning event on the eco-friendly schools program hosted by the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) Region 8 on November 24-25, 2022 at The Oriental.

Dubbed “Convergence of Eco-friendly Schools Program Advocates,” the two-day event aims to foster future champions of the National Search for Sustainable and Eco-friendly Schools (NSSEFS) by restoring the program in schools through lectures and the sharing of best environmental practices.

Maria Glenda C. Lagunzad, head of the Environmental Education and Information Unit (EEIU), believes that region 8 has the potential to make it to the top, besting other schools in the Philippines.

Criteria and mechanics for joining the NSSEFS were laid out during the meeting to guide aspiring schools on what to prepare for.

The convergence also included discussions on climate change and water treatment techniques using "Bokashi" or "Mabuhay balls" in observance of the National Environmental Awareness Month, Climate Change Consciousness Week, and Clean Air Month.

