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Dear **Director Ferrer**:

We are pleased to inform you of the Department of Tourism's (DOTs) inputs relative to the La Niña-related Projects/Programs/Activities (PPAs) as inputs to the La Niña Action Plan.

The National Accommodation Standards for the star rating classification of hotels, resorts, and apartment hotels have item criteria on Energy Conservation measures to include water conservation. Those enterprises practicing the system or providing conservation facilities/items are given additional or higher points during the inspection.

The following items are the practices and facilities included in the DOT inspection checklist.

- Availability of dual flush toilet system or similar to conserve water;
- Flow regulators on shower/taps to conserve water;
- Towel and linen policy that promotes water conservation;
- The policy of giving a guest choice regarding the frequency of cleaning;
- Environmental systems in place to reduce water with water reduction targets; and
- For resorts with gardens, watering plants during morning or evening receive points for water conservation measures. More points for those that use rain or greywater, and the most points for those using extensive use of rainwater or greywater.

I am hoping for consideration of said measures.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

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