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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO : ALL REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS (REDs)

FROM : ATTY. ANALIZA REBUELTA-TEH

Undersecretary for Finance, Information Systems and

Climate Change & PEMSEA National Focal Point, Philippines

SUBJECT: DENR PARTICIPATION TO THE 2021 EAST ASIAN SEAS

(EAS) CONGRESS ON 01 DECEMBER 2021

As one of the eleven (11) country-partners of the Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA), the Government of the Philippines through the Department received invitation to the **2021 East Asian Seas (EAS) Congress** and the **Seventh Ministerial Forum**, which shall be hosted by the Royal Government of Cambodia.

As you may be aware, the EAS Congress is a triennial international event that serves as a platform in advancing commitment and cooperation towards the achievement of the shared vision of a sustainable East Asian Seas, through the implementation of the Sustainable Strategy for the Seas of East Asia (SDS-SEA). It is a pioneering region-wide platform for capacity building, strategic action and cooperation for the sustainable development of the Seas of East Asia. If you would recall, the Philippines through the DENR hosted the 2018 EAS Congress and Sixth Ministerial Forum in Iloilo, Philippines, as per the attached information document.

The DENR Secretary already confirmed his participation to the Seventh Ministerial Forum and assured the host-country that the Department shall take active participation in the conduct of the Congress, per the attached letter dated September 20, 2021. In this regard, your respective offices' are being invited to join the 2021 EAS Congress proper, particularly the **Main Conference** and **Partnership Night** on **01 December 2021**.

Your participation together with your endorsement of five (5) or more representatives from the region, including the PENR and CENR offices, is being requested to facilitate the Philippines official delegation to the Congress and send a strong signal of leadership, and staunch commitment from the Department towards healthy and sustainable coasts and oceans.

Kindly submit your endorsement to this office, through email address <a href="https://hcritual@denr.gov.ph">hcritual@denr.gov.ph</a> for documentation. Once endorsed, you may register yourself and your designated delegation in the Congress, through the links provided in the attached EAS Congress provisional program. Registration is open until 15 November 2021, 11:59 p.m. (Cambodia Time).

For your consideration.

ATTY. ANALIZA REBUELTA-TEH