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MEMORANDUM

TO : The Directors
Biodiversity Management Bureau
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Forest Management Bureau
Lands Management Bureau
Mines and Geosciences Bureau

The Heads of Attached Agencies:
National Water Resources Board
Laguna Lake Development Authority
Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff

All Regional Executive Directors

FROM : The Undersecretary
Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change

SUBJECT : **INVITATION TO THE 8TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE
POPULATION, HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT (PHE) NETWORK,
OCTOBER 27-28, 2021**

DATE : 25 October 2021

This refers to the attached letter of Undersecretary Juan Antonion A. Perez III, Executive Director, Commission on Population and Development and Mr. Elvin Ivan Y. Uy, Executive Director, Philippine Business for Social Progress, inviting the Department to attend the 8th National Conference of the PHE to be held on October 27-28, 2021 via Zoom and Facebook live.

The theme of the conference for this year is "Taking Stock of Adaptive PHE Knowledge and Practices: Towards a Bluer and Greener Recovery." The conference will explore useful dimensions for sustaining and increasing the impact of integrated PHE initiatives to address development priorities and adaptive processes to poverty reduction, improve health, livelihood, disaster mitigation, food security and natural resources management. The conference will also be opportune time to share learnings from project experiences, advocacy plans and networking opportunities using both global and local perspectives.

A registration fee of P500 for the conference will be charge per participants to cover the access to the plenary and parallel sessions for two days, certificate of participation,

conference materials and PHE related materials. Attached is the email of the PHE Secretariat regarding the details on the registration of participants.

May we enjoin your office to attend the above conference. Should you need other information, you may contact the PHE Network Secretariat at phesecretariat@gmail.com.

For your information and appropriate action.


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Cc: USEC Juan Antonion A. Perez III, M.D.
Executive Director
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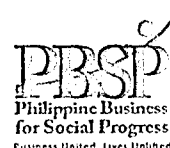
Mr. Elvin Ivan Y. Uy
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20 September 2021

ROY A. CIMATU

Secretary

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Dear **Secretary Cimat**:

Greetings from the PHE Network!

The Population, Health, Environment (PHE) Network is a diverse and dynamic network of organizations and individuals advancing innovative PHE approaches to promote equity, health, and environmental stewardship. Formed in 2002 and formally launched in 2006, the PHE Network envisions an equitable society of empowered and resilient communities living in a healthy environment, and provides a platform for collective action among like-minded individuals and organizations.

The COVID-19 crisis revealed the weaknesses of our systems and has left the most vulnerable and densely populated communities at risk of infection and the societal effects of the pandemic such as poverty, hunger, and inadequate access to health care services.

With the lessons we have learned from the pandemic, the PHE Network wishes to tackle how we can bounce back better through the integration of the population, health and environment approach in our recovery in its **8th PHE National Conference on October 27-28, 2021**, with the theme: *Taking Stock of Adaptive PHE Knowledge and Practices: Towards a Bluer and Greener Recovery*. The conference will be attended by around 300 PHE practitioners and local government officials via Zoom and Facebook Live.

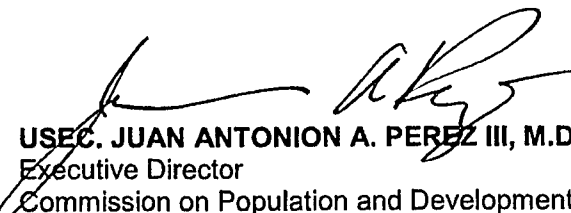
Being in the forefront of environment protection work and climate change action, we would like to invite you to give a **Solidarity Message on Day 1 (October 27) of the conference**. Enclosed are the conference concept note and program for your reference.


We are also reserving **five slots for your representatives**. Please send us the names and email addresses of your nominated representatives so we can assist them in the registration process. We would also like to take this opportunity to **seek your support for the attendance of conference participants**, especially those from the Department's regional and local offices, through the Department's endorsement.

Our Senior Program Officer and member of the PHE Network Secretariat, Ms. Ciara Borja, will be coordinating with your office on this matter. You may also get in touch with us through cborja@pbsp.org.ph or (0917) 846 1911.

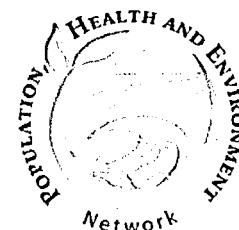
Thank you very much and we look forward to your confirmation on our invitation and request for support.

Sincerely,


USEC. JUAN ANTONION A. PEREZ III, M.D.
Executive Director
Commission on Population and Development


ELVIN IVAN Y. UY
Executive Director
Philippine Business for Social Progress

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Philippine Business for Social Progress

Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) is the country's largest business-led NGO and operates at the nexus of corporate citizenship, sustainable development, and poverty reduction. Established in 1970, PBSP remains a consultant and partner of choice of companies and donors.

PBSP scales up impact by using the Collective Impact strategy to solve large and systemic problems. Its brand of corporate citizenship taps into the core business competencies of companies and promotes inclusive business as a strategy. PBSP also creates sustainable solutions in Health, Education, Environment, and Livelihood while strategically engaging companies through social investment, responsible business practices, and philanthropy.

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Conference Theme:

Taking Stock of Adaptive PHE Knowledge and Practices: Towards a Bluer and Greener Recovery

Concept Note

I. Background

The Population, Health and Environment (PHE) Network envisions an equitable society of empowered and resilient communities living in a healthy environment. As thought leaders composed of a diverse and dynamic network of organizations and individuals, the Network's mission is to advance innovative approaches to provide a platform for collective action of organizations supporting our vision.

The PHE Network is the pre-eminent organization that guides advocacy, capacity building, and technical expertise related to PHE integration. It has successfully conducted seven conferences that explored creative strategies in addressing the most pressing and continuously evolving needs of the Philippine society in an integrative manner.

The integrated approach was also seen as a successful strategy to prevent and control the spread of the COVID-19 virus, as seen in the results of the Population Commission's study using their Demographic Vulnerability Tool. It showed that areas with the highest population density also showed a higher number of COVID-19 caseloads. This type of demographic tool may be used by local government units in combating the spread of similar viruses that may threaten the health and lives of Filipinos.

The conference will also explore other useful dimensions for sustaining and increasing the impact of integrated PHE initiatives to address development priorities and adaptive processes to poverty reduction, improved health, livelihood, disaster mitigation, food security, and natural resource management through the initiatives of local government units, civil society organizations and the private sector.

Join us in the opportunity to share learnings from project experiences, advocacy plans, and networking opportunities using both global and local perspectives.

II. Conference Objectives

The conference has the following objectives:

1. To provide a forum for sharing of PHE programs and practices in the time of the pandemic;
2. To advance the PHE approach towards a better recovery; and
3. To provide PHE policy recommendations.

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III. Target Participants

The conference will be participated in by international and regional PHE practitioners, and government units officials.

IV. The Conference Design

Conference Description

The conference will look at effective and efficient adaptive strategies adopted by PHE practitioners in addressing the global problem of pandemics using population, health and environment programmatic approach across different landscapes: from urban to rural settings; from a community to an ecosystem approach (aquatic, upland and agricultural areas); and across different strategic points of intervention, such as climate change actions, disaster mitigation, poverty alleviation, food security and nutrition, among others.

The gathering will provide a venue for learning and skills sessions so that the participants will also take home strategies that they can apply to deal with COVID-19 and to capacitate people and local government units about doing prevention and control of similar health threats.

Conference Sessions

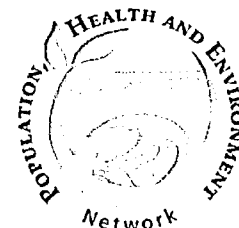
Plenary sessions will be conducted with esteemed national, regional and international experts followed by parallel learning sessions on varied topics demonstrating PHE strategies in addressing pandemics.

Plenary and skills sharing sessions include the following:

1. PHE adaptive practices in the global contexts (streamed via Facebook Live)
2. PHE adaptive practices in the local contexts (streamed via Facebook Live)
 - a. LGU Integrating PHE in Responding to COVID-19
 - b. CSO Integrating PHE in Responding to COVID-19
 - c. Private Sector Integrating PHE in Responding to COVID-19
3. The Commission on Population's Demographic Vulnerability Tool (streamed via Facebook Live)
4. Advancing PHE Knowledge: Collect, Curate and Connect
5. The Vital Role of Children and Youth in Advancing PHE
6. Demographic Dividend and the PHE/PED Champion: Are They Linked?
7. Local Government Units Adopting the PHE Approach
8. Financing PHE Programming
9. Teenage Pregnancy: Why It is a Priority*

**Tentative session titles*

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V. Contact Persons

For inquiries, you may contact the PHE Network Secretariat at phesecretariat@gmail.com.

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VI. About Us

The Population, Health and Environment (PHE) Network - Philippines is a loose national network of local government units, government agencies, civil society organizations, businesses, and individuals advocating to have a future where healthy Filipino people live harmoniously with a healthy environment. It advances PHE as an innovative approach to promote equity, health, and environmental stewardship, and the Philippines as the center of excellence in PHE. Moreover, it promotes integrated approaches to decrease the incidence of poverty, assure food security, reversing the depletion of marine and terrestrial resources, increasing the access to reproductive health and family planning services and improving child and maternal health and nutrition.

The 8th PHE Conference Hosts



Commission on Population and Development

The Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) is the policy-making, planning, coordinating and monitoring agency for the Philippine Population and Development Program (PPDP). We are the lead organization in population management for well-planned and empowered Filipino families and communities.

POPCOM in collaboration with its partners is committed to create an enabling environment to: Empower couples and individuals to achieve their desired number, timing, and spacing of children in the context of informed choice and responsible parenthood; Enable adolescents to realize their full potential and total well-being; and Mainstream population factors in sustainable development initiatives.

The 8th PHE National Conference
27-28 October 2021
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Theme: Taking Stock of Adaptive PHE Knowledge and Practices: Towards a Bluer and Greener Recovery

Conference objectives

- 1. To provide a forum for sharing of PHE programs and practices in the time of the pandemic
- 2. To advance the PHE approach towards a better recovery
- 3. To provide PHE policy recommendations

Target participants

300-500 LGUs, government agencies, NGOs, international organizations and individuals

Day 1: October 27 (PM) THE GLOBAL PHE CONTEXT		
Time	Event	Resource Person
1:30 - 1:45 PM	Preliminaries <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acknowledgement of Participants• Conference Guidelines and House Rules• Overview of the Conference	Event Host
1:45 - 1:50 PM	Welcome Remarks Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP)	Mr. Elvin Ivan Y. Uy Executive Director, PBSP
1:50 - 2:05 PM	Solidarity Messages Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) Department of Health Department of Environment and Natural Resources	Usec. Juan Antonio A. Perez III, MD, MPH, Executive Director
2:05 - 2:20 PM	Keynote Speech	H.E. Maria Leonor Gerona Robredo* Vice President of the Philippines *To be confirmed
2:20 - 2:25 PM	Video Presentation The PHE Network in the Philippines Through the Years	
2:25 - 3:55 PM	Plenary Session	

8:45 - 9:15 AM	Assessing Demographic Vulnerabilities of Communities to COVID-19 Infection: Factoring Population Density of Barangays in the Philippines	Usec. Juan Antonio A. Perez III, MD, MPH Executive Director, POPCOM
9:15 - 10:45 AM	Plenary Session <i>PHE adaptive practices in the local context</i> LGU Integrating PHE in Responding to COVID-19 CSO Integrating PHE in Responding to COVID-19 Private Sector Integrating PHE in Responding to COVID-19	Hon. Raul L. Bantias , Mayor, Municipality of Concepcion, Iloilo Province Joan Regina L. Castro, M.D. Executive Vice President, PATH Foundation Philippines, Inc. Benjamin R. Lopez , Senior Executive Vice President, Lopez, Inc. <i>Moderator: Ms. Naida Pasion</i>
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	Parallel Sessions LGUs adopting PHE policies Financing PHE Teenage Pregnancy: Why It Must be Prioritized	Resource Person: Pasig City LGU, Antipolo City LGU, Zarraga, Iloilo LGU, Marikina City LGU <i>Moderator: Ms. Cora de la Paz</i> Resource Person: Ms. Jessica Reyes-Cantos , President, Actions for Economic Reform and Co-Convenor, Social Watch Philippines Inc.; PBSP <i>Moderator: Ms. Naida Pasion</i> Resource Person: PCPD; Junice Demetrio Melgar , Executive Director, Likhaan Women Center <i>Moderator: POPCOM</i>
12:15 - 12:25 PM	Synthesis	Mr. Rio Magpayo , PLCPD
12:25 - 12:30 PM	Way Forward: Declaration	Atty. Jo Clemente, Ms. Norma Pongan, and Ms. Rowie Boquiren
12:30 - 12:35 PM	Closing	Xia Vigor , Child Ambassador, Save the Children Philippines