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DENR MIMAROPA

Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR)

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Dear Dir. Ferrer,

The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and the Department of Tourism (DOT) commenced the “**Formulation of Tourism Infrastructure Development Plans for Transforming Communities Towards Resilient, Inclusive and Sustainable Tourism (TouRIST) Program.**” The objective of the Study is to identify and prioritize the essential infrastructure for sustainable tourism, within the framework of updated or duly formulated Local Tourism Infrastructure Development Plans (LTIDP) for seven (7) Tourism Development Areas (TDAs).

We are pleased to inform you that **Coron** and **El Nido, Palawan** were identified as two of the seven TDAs which will be covered by this Study. This undertaking, which started this January 2020, was initially planned to be completed in October 2020 however, an extension was made due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Joint Venture (JV) of CEST Incorporated (CEST), Pacific Rim Innovation and Management Exponents Incorporated (PRIMEX), and Tomeldan, Alli, and Molina Planners Company (TAM) was engaged by NEDA and DOT as consultants for this project.

As part of the requirements, process and framework of the development of the LTIDP, the DOT Office of Special Concern (OSC) with the assistance of the Study Team had a presentation with the RDC MIMAROPA Members last 15 April 2021. The purpose of the discussion was to present the initial results of the LTIDP of Coron and El Nido. Moreover, this meeting was conducted to solicit comments and inputs from key stakeholders to improve the plans.

With the limited time in the initial meeting, it was agreed by DOT OSC, RDC MIMAROPA Members and Study Team to conduct another consultation meeting and continue the discussion that will focus more on the technical aspect of the LTIDP for both Coron and El Nido. This discussion will be presented by the Study Team.

With this, may we invite you to a **Consultative Meeting with concerned Key Stakeholders** for this presentation scheduled on 21 April 2021, from 3PM to 5PM, via Zoom video conferencing platform through the following link:

Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98326480579?pwd=MGxxblBBc0dKano3enB3dWtxRUI0dz09>

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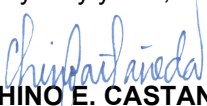
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With this invitation, we are also attaching a copy of the Draft Final Report (DFR) of the LTIDP Vol. 1: Technical Assessment Report, Vol. 2: Master Plan Report, that were submitted on 09 February 2021 to the Implementing and Executing Agencies, and the Presentation Deck that was shared in the initial Meeting with the RDC MIMAROPA Members. Kindly please note that the DFR LTIDP is still currently being revised and improved and the Final Report submission has yet to be submitted.

For any questions or concerns, please send an email to tourist@cest-inc.com or contact the Engineering Assistant, Juan Miguel R. Eugenio of CEST Incorporated, through the following details: juan.eugenio@cest-inc.com / 0945 522 6918.

We are hoping for your favorable response to this request.

Very truly yours,



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