
Virtual Journalism Training (on Peatlands) - People for Peat/Sustainable Use of Peatland and Haze Mitigation in ASEAN

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Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer, CESO IV
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Dear RED Ferrer,

Good afternoon! Warm environmental greetings to you and our colleagues in DENR 4B!

The Philippines is one of the countries in Southeast Asia (SEA) where peatland ecosystems can be found. You may very well be aware that according to DENR BMB, Region 4B is one of the regions that is host to peatland areas in the country. Peatlands render a number of important ecosystem services. First, peatland stores more carbon than any other vegetation types combined, they help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and consequently help reduce global warming. Furthermore, similar to sponges, peatlands absorb huge amounts of surrounding water while filtering pollutants. Peatlands are crucial for flood mitigation during storms and wet seasons while supporting low water flow during the drier seasons. We, therefore, share in the belief that preserving our peatlands, including those located in Region 4B, is key to our future in climate resilience.

However, the awareness about sustainable peatland management is still inadequate. Thus, it is important to raise awareness of sustainable peatland management through multiple channels, including journalism efforts. Therefore, to provide the Southeast Asian public a complete picture of sustainable peatland management, PFP will conduct a Virtual Journalism Training in collaboration with NSAs (CSO, NGO, Research Institute, Academia, Private Sector, and etc.). This training will provide an intensive course for editors and journalists about peatlands and how Southeast Asian peatlands can be managed sustainably, covering Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, Myanmar, Lao PDR, Cambodia, and Viet Nam.

In connection with this, I would collaborate with you and the RPAO Team in identifying and inviting journalists to take part in the People for Peat Virtual Journalism Training scheduled on 8 and 14 June 2021. Please nominate journalists by providing the following information:

- 1) Full Name:
- 2) Newspaper and/or online portals where they are connected with:
- 3) Email address:
- 4) Mobile number:

Lastly, please let us know if a member of the RPAO Team is also interested to participate in the People for Peat Virtual Journalism Training.

Thank you very much!

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