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Dear Dir. Ferrer,

Greetings!

The Forestry Development Center will be holding its Forest Policy e-Talks 2022 with a Series of Four Webinars on the theme “**Turning the Tide: Why Mangroves Matter.**” This webinar series intends to ventilate the policy issues surrounding major aspects of mangrove management and conservation and discuss ways forward. The first topic of the series, **Rediscovering Mangroves**, will be held on **03 March 2022, 2:00 – 5:00 pm** via Zoom and Facebook live stream.

There will be four paper presentations: 1) *Mangroves and their Importance to Life and Environment* to be presented by Dr. Jose Alan A. Castillo (DENR-ERDB), 2) *Recent and Historical Extents of Mangroves in the Philippines* by Dr. Ariel C. Blanco (UP Diliman/Philippine Space Agency), 3) *Challenges and Opportunities for Mangrove Conservation* to be delivered by Dr. Dixon T. Gevaña (UPLB-CFNR-TREES), and 4) *Lingering Policy Issues in Mangrove Management and Conservation* to be presented by Dr. Leonida A. Bugayong (UPLB-CFNR-FDC). An open forum will follow the presentations.

We invite you and your colleagues/students to attend our webinars. Please register at the following link: <http://bit.ly/WhyMangroves1>. The webinar will also be live streamed at [UPLB Forestry Development Center](#) FB page <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=314005010760727&set=a.222406099920619>. E-certificates will be issued to participants after they fill out the evaluation form at the end of the webinar.

Thank you very much and we look forward to a fruitful discussion.

Very truly yours,


LEONIDA A. BUGAYONG
Officer-in-Charge