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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR Regions I-XIII, CAR, MIMAROPA and NCR

FROM : The OIC, Director

SUBJECT : **CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE 2ND ASIA PARKS CONGRESS TO BE HELD IN SABAH, MALAYSIA ON 24-29 MAY 2022**

This pertains to the attached invitation from the Sabah Parks, International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) to participate in the 2nd Asia Parks Congress, to be held as a hybrid event in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia from 24 to 29 May 2022.

With the theme, "Parks for Nature and People", the said event intends to highlight the connections between nature and society through the following thematic priorities:

1. Nature-based Solutions for health and well-being;
2. Governance of protected and conserved areas;
3. Connectivity and transboundary conservation;
4. Effective protected and conserved areas;
5. Economic and financial sustainability of protected and conserved areas; and
6. Urban conservation and a new generation.

In view of the above, may we request your Office to identify and submit a proposed presentation on best practices and innovations, among others, that are related to the above-mentioned topics that have been implemented in your respective protected areas that can be shared through high-level plenary sessions, smaller working group discussions, dedicated youth sessions, and side events. The proposal must contain a Title (maximum of 100 characters including spaces) and Abstract (summary of your presentation with a maximum of 250 words).

Kindly submit your proposals on or before 31 January 2022 through email at npd@bmb.gov.ph. For further concerns and clarifications, please feel free to coordinate with the Bureau's National Parks Division through the aforementioned email address. Additional information about the Congress can be found at: <https://2nd-asia-parks-congress.sabahparks.org.my>.

For information and consideration.



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12 January 2022

Dear Dr Edilberto Leonardo,

Invitation to the 2nd Asia Parks Congress – Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia

On behalf of Sabah Parks, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA), it gives us great pleasure to invite the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to participate in the [2nd Asia Parks Congress](#), to be held as a hybrid event in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia from 24 to 29 May 2022.

The 2nd Asia Parks Congress will be a watershed event, which is expected to set the agenda for protected and conserved areas in the region for the next decade. It will provide a unique forum in which protected area agencies, non-governmental organisations, academia, the private sector, local communities, Indigenous people, and other stakeholders from across the region can share experiences and best practices related to area-based conservation. It will also provide a strategic opportunity to consider the targets in the new Global Biodiversity Framework and their implications for protected and conserved areas in Asia.

The theme of the 2nd Asia Parks Congress will be "Parks for Nature and People", highlighting the many connections between nature and society. Amongst other topics, it will address:

- Nature-based Solutions for health and well-being;
- Governance of protected and conserved areas;
- Connectivity and transboundary conservation;
- Effective protected and conserved areas;
- Economic and financial sustainability of protected and conserved areas; and
- Urban conservation and a new generation.

These themes will be explored through high-level plenary sessions, smaller working group discussions, dedicated youth sessions, side events and a poster exhibition. There will also be an exciting range of field excursions on offer, including a trip to the iconic Kinabalu National Park, a natural World Heritage Site. In order to maximise participation during these uncertain times, the Congress will be held as a hybrid event, combining both in-person and virtual participation.



We regret that funding constraints mean that we are not able to offer sponsorship to attend the Congress. However, we hope that this will not deter your agency from participating in this unique and important event. In addition to registering as a participant, we would also like to encourage your staff to consider submitting proposals to be speakers in one of the Working Groups, to organise a side event, and/or to present a poster.

Additional information about the Congress, as well as a link to the registration page, can be found at: <https://2nd-asia-parks-congress.sabahparks.org.my/>. We look forward to seeing you in Sabah!

Yours sincerely,



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