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Regional Executive Director

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**Attention: Protected Area Superintendents of: Naujan Lake National Park (NLNP)
Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park (PPSRNP), and
Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park (TRNP)**

Dear Director Claudio:

We are pleased to inform you that the Society for the Conservation of Philippine Wetlands, Inc. (SCPW) and the Ramsar Regional Center – East Asia (RRC-EA) in cooperation with the Las Piñas – Parañaque Wetland Park (LPPWP) are organizing Part 2 of the **8th Wetland Link International – Asia Conference (WLI-Asia)** with the theme “Healing with Nature: Wetlands and Wetland Centres in Focus”. The event will be held on **26-29 July 2022** at the **Mella Hotel** in **Las Piñas City**. It aims to highlight the benefits of wetland ecosystems to human health and the role of wetland centers in promoting health and well-being of people. The WLI-Asia Conference provides a venue for members of WLI-Asia, including managers and stakeholders of wetland centers, to regularly convene, share updated information, and discuss planned activities for the network.

Wetland Link International (WLI) is a global network of wetland centers founded in 1991 by Wildfowl and Wetland Trust (WWT) and supporters. It is endorsed by the Ramsar Convention on wetlands as a key mechanism to support wetland centers in delivering CEPA (communication, capacity building, education, participation and awareness) activities at wetland sites. Since 2016, the Ramsar Regional Center – East Asia (RRC-EA) serves as the secretariat for WLI-Asia after signing a Memorandum of Understanding with WWT. A member of WLI-Asia since 2019, the SCPW has contributed to wetland conservation in the Philippines for over 20 years. The SCPW also sits in the Management Board of the Las Piñas-Parañaque Wetland Park (LPPWP), an urban wetland that was declared a Protected Area in 2018 by virtue of Republic Act 11038. The LPPWP has been recently accepted as the newest member of WLI-Asia. In this regard, the RRC-EA and SCPW agreed to host the **8th Wetland Link International – Asia Conference**, with the LPPWP as the host wetland.

In view of the foregoing, we are pleased to invite **Mr. Ricardo R. Natividad**, PASU of NLNP; **Ms. Elizabeth A. Maclang**, PPSRNP; and **Ms. Angelique M. Songco**, PASU of TRNP to attend the Conference. We are confident that the learnings in the conference will benefit the wetlands in your area. The organizers will shoulder hotel accommodation and meals of participants during the conference. The provisional program is attached for your reference.

Thank you very much and we hope you will consider the invitation favorably.

Sincerely yours,

Amy M. Lecciones

Vice-President and Executive Director

Society for the Conservation of Philippine Wetlands, Inc.