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MEMORANDUM

FOR : All Regional Executive Directors
All PENROs
All CENROs

FROM : The Director

SUBJECT : **JOINT CELEBRATION OF THE 159TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
PHILIPPINE FORESTRY SERVICE AND ARBOR DAY**

DATE : **JUN 09 2022**



This has reference to the upcoming celebration of the 159th Year of Philippine Forestry Service and Arbor Day on 25 June 2022. From 2016 to 2019, the Bureau jointly celebrates the two events by spearheading the conduct of *Bike.Hike.Plant. (BHP)* in different regions. This event is envisioned as a moving forest, where bikers carry seedlings inside drawstring bags and then join hikers in planting these seedlings at the end of the bike trail. BHP aims to celebrate and showcase the beauty of Philippine forests; encourage the participation of various stakeholders in taking care of forests; and widen the network of forestry champions in rehabilitating and protecting our forests through promotion of responsible tourism and proactive reforestation.

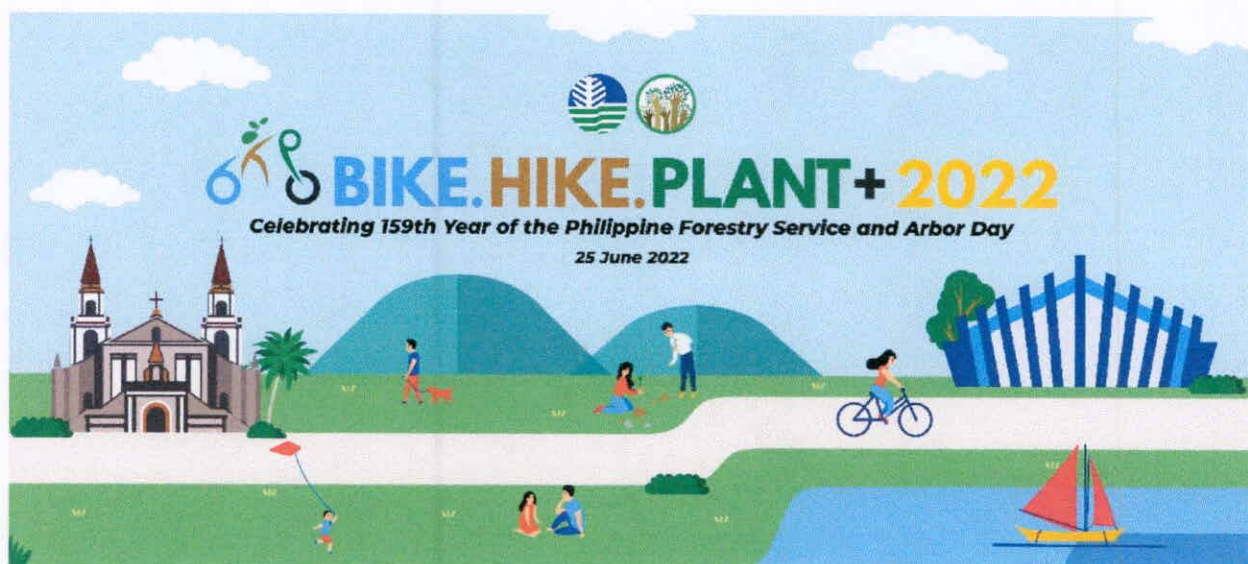
The Forest Management Bureau brought BHP to the Upper Markina River Basin Protected Landscape (UMRBPL), San Mateo, Rizal in 2016; Mt. Arayat National Park, San Fernando City, Pampanga in 2017; Agoo-Damortis Protected Landscape and Seascape, La Union in 2018; and Mt. Batulao, Calaca, Batangas in 2019. Due to the onset of the pandemic in 2020, the conduct of BHP was temporarily paused and instead a Webinar on Forest, Health, and Wellness and Forest Wellness Week were undertaken. Last year, a 20-day virtual marathon was spearheaded by the Bureau which took off from the objectives of the BHP and accommodated not just bikers and hiker enthusiasts but also runners and walkers, hence the event was renamed as BHP+. For this year's celebration, the Bureau will continue the vision of the event as a moving forest by bringing BHP+ to the Province of Iloilo in Region VI. In addition to the actual biking, hiking, walking, running, and tree planting, the Bureau will also introduce a Vlogging Contest wherein participants may video document their experiences in participating in the event.

In this regard, all DENR Field Offices are hereby enjoined to conduct a simultaneous tree planting activity for the joint celebration. All Field Offices are also encouraged to display the prescribed tarpaulin (see attached design) to mark the said celebration in their office premises. The electronic copy can be accessed through this link: <https://bit.ly/BHP2022Materials>

For inquiries, you may contact the Forest Management Bureau at (02) 8927-6217 or via e-mail at iec@fmb.denr.gov.ph. Kindly submit a documentation of the tree planting activity, including pictures, to FMB through the said email address.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, PLEASE.

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