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**DIR. AGUSTIN C. MENDOZA**

Regional Director

National Economic Development Authority- MIMAROPA

Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro

**DEAR DIR. MENDOZA:**

Greetings!

The National Academy of Science and Technology, Philippines (NAST PHL), in cooperation with the DOST Regional Offices - Luzon Cluster, will conduct the Luzon Regional Scientific Meeting (RSM) on 29-30 March 2022 via Zoom with the theme “PAGTANAW 2050: Agham Tungo sa Mabuting Kinabukasan (FORESIGHT 2050: Science for a Sustainable Future).”

The objectives of the Regional Scientific Meeting are the following:

- To present an overview of the PAGTANAW 2050 Foresight document;
- To identify key challenges of the region in relation to the common vision of PAGTANAW 2050;
- To increase the capacity of the regions on foresight focused on the assessment of STI talent development and talent retention; and
- To develop regional strategic action plans based on the identified challenges, needs, and existing capacity towards the development of a blue and circular economy.

During the RSMs, Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) will be conducted for the DOST regional offices, SUCs and private HEIs, other government agencies, key private sectors, and NGOs to generate regional strategic plans. These will be consolidated and presented at the 44th Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) on 13-14 July 2022.

With this, a **Regional Strategic Planning Session will be held on March 30, 2022, from 1:00-4:00 PM** to create an initial groundwork for the development of a regional strategic plan on STI talent development and retention to sustain foresight. As the secretariat for the RDC, **may we kindly request your assistance in inviting members of the MIMAROPA Regional Development Council (RDC-MIMAROPA) to be able to gather more insights and regional perspectives during the planning session.**

Attached is the copy of the invitation letter and the working general program of activities of the 2022 Luzon RSM for dissemination and reference.

For more information, you may contact DOST-MIMAROPA at [stpromo@mimaropa.dost.gov.ph](mailto:stpromo@mimaropa.dost.gov.ph) (please cc: [advisory@nast.dost.gov.ph](mailto:advisory@nast.dost.gov.ph) ), (02) 8837-2071 loc 2092 or 2093, and look for **Ms. Athena Colline L. Verdey**. We are hoping for your positive response regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

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Regional Director

*“Hatid ay makabagong solusyon!”*

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