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HONORABLE REGIONAL DIRECTOR LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO, CESO III DENR Regional Director, MIMAROPA DENR by the Bay, 1515 L&S Building, Roxas Boulevard, Manila

Dear Regional Director Claudio,

## Greetings from SWAPP! Hope this letter finds you well!

Many countries in Asia and Asia Pacific region are vulnerable to climate change and natural disasters like storm surge, typhoons, flooding, and others. The Philippines ranked as one of the most vulnerable in Southeast Asia. Mountains of wastes are left after the disaster and most LGUs have little or no pre-disaster preparedness in handling these wastes that often cause delays in the post disaster response. If not managed well, the wastes generated after a natural disaster can cause damages to the health and lives of people in the communities, especially in the coastal areas.

Given this scenario, the Solid Waste Management Association of the Philippines, Inc. (SWAPP) and the City Government of Iloilo City in collaboration with our various partners will hold the Solid Waste Management of the Philippines Conference 2022 (**SWAPPCon 2022**), on 17 – 18 November 2022 in Zuri Hotel, Manduriao, Iloilo City. The conference will be conducted using a hybrid format of online and face-to-face.

We have chosen "**DISASTER WASTE MANAGEMENT**" as theme of SWAPPCon 2022. To expound and share latest information on technological breakthroughs on the subject, we are inviting speakers and resource persons from government agencies, LGUs and experts from other countries to share their experiences in coping with the challenges brought about by thousands of tons of disaster wastes. It is hoped that the participants will be able to bring with them good and applicable practices and can develop strategies/programs to resolve their disaster waste management problems, and possibly, integrate and implement their learnings in their respective areas, be it at their residences/subdivisions, offices, and their communities in general for everybody's safety.

As DENR Regional Director, MIMAROPA you are cordially invited to attend and support SWAPPCON 2022. SWAPP would be very grateful if your good office will also endorse participation of your Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer, Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Officer, and Municipal Solid Waste Management Officer. The conference fee is Four Thousand Five Hundred Hundred Pesos (P4,500.00) for Face to Face and One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) for ONLINE inclusive of Participation in all sessions, Hard copy or E- Conference Certificate, and E-copy of conference presentations. Ten percent discount will be given to participant who will register on or before November 10, 2022. Please confirm your attendance by sending your Participant's Registration Form<u>to</u> <u>swappcon2022@gmail.com or amysurell04@yahoo.com or you may register ONLINE using</u> the LINK below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuayM68vtfK7rS33GVDyMcB1Of72xr6vYcgiZiLBEvG188w/viewform?fbclid=IwAR3UpkpSTM\_QYza zrNfezUCopeNqJ8igCgoqTanhS8vzTgFaTcBwS92yw7M

Registration fees can be deposited in SWAPP's BPI Account at BPI Alfaro Branch, Makati City:

Current Account Name-SWAPPAccount No.-2371-0015-25.

You may also pay through **GCash No. 0915-7172449** (Amelia S. Ventura). Kindly email to us copy of deposit/transaction slip of your registration fee. Official receipt will be issued upon receipt of your payment.

Should you need more information or would like to discuss matters relating to the conference, please feel free to contact Ms. Emma M. Escover, SWAPPCon 2022 Coordinator, at Cellphone No. 0915-7939888 or Ms. Amelia S, Ventura, Conference Assistant, at Cellphone No. 0915-7172449. Please find attached a copy of the draft Conference Program (as of 8 September 2022) and SWAPP Profile and list of Projects.

Looking forward to having the presence of participants from your municipality at SWAPPCon 2022.

Very truly yours,

MARLON DE LUNA ERA, PhD. President