## FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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Dear Dir. Ferrer:

Greetings from Los Baños!

The Forestry Development Center – UPLB College of Forestry and Natural Resources, in line with its mandate to conduct policy studies and provide a venue for the discussion of issues in forestry, natural resources, and environment, will be holding a policy forum under its FOREST POLICY e-TALKS 2022 with a Series of Webinars on the theme "*Turning the Tide: Why Mangroves Matter*" with the theme **Science-Based Mangrove Management** on **23 September 2022**, **9:00 – 12:00 nn** via Zoom and Facebook live stream.

The webinar aims to provide a venue to: (1) identify lessons and challenges in mangrove restoration and conservation; (2) discuss the ways to overcome the challenges faced in mangrove management; and (3) present the goals and strategic plan for mangrove resources of the Philippines.

Two esteemed Scientists working on mangroves Dr. Jurgenne Primavera, Academician at the National Academy of Science and Technology and Dr. Severino G. Salmo, Associate Professor at the Institute of Biology, College of Science, University of the Philippines will serve as speakers. Dr. Primavera will talk on Issues and Challenges in Mangrove Restoration and Conservation in the Philippines while Dr. Salmo will present the Road Map for Mangrove Resources in the Philippines.

We are therefore inviting you and your colleagues to join us in this online policy forum. You may register at this link <a href="https://bit.ly/WhyMangroves4">https://bit.ly/WhyMangroves4</a>. The policy forum will also be live streamed at Forestry Development Center CFNR UPLB page. E-certificates will be issued to the participants after they fill out the evaluation at the end of the forum. Attached is the draft program of activities. Please feel free to contact our office for any concern regarding the policy forum.

Thank you very much and we look forward to a fruitful online policy forum.

Very truly yours,

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