San Beda College Alabang



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FELIX S. MIRASOL, Jr., CESO IV **OIC, Regional Executive Director Department of Environment and Natural Resources**

Dear Mr. Mirasol,

I hope this message finds you well. As part of our fulfillment of the requirements for our course Social Science Research 2, we, the fourth-year International Studies major in Tourism at San Beda College Alabang, request permission to conduct our study entitled "The Socio-Economic Impacts of Mining Exploration on the Indigenous People and Local Communities of the **Sibuyan Island."** This research aims to shed light on the challenges and opportunities faced by these communities in the impact of nickel ore extraction happening in Sibuyan Island.

We are writing to request an opportunity to interview experts or representatives from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) who can provide valuable insights into the environmental and social aspects of mining exploration on Sibuyan Island. The information gathered through this interview will contribute significantly to the depth and accuracy of our research.

The interview can be conducted at your convenience, either in person or via a virtual meeting platform, whichever is more convenient for you. If you require any further information about our research or would like to discuss the interview in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact us at rnglsgn06@gmail.com or 09565662875. We are looking forward to the possibility of collaborating with DENR on this important research project.

Thank you for considering our request, and we hope to hear from you soon.

Respectfully yours,

Christine Malco Bautista

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