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MEMORANDUM

FOR : All Regional Executive Directors
All PENROs
All CENROs

FROM : The OIC-Assistant Secretary for Field Operations-
Western Mindanao and Director, in concurrent capacity

SUBJECT : **JOINT CELEBRATION OF THE 160TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
PHILIPPINE FORESTRY SERVICE AND ARBOR DAY**

DATE : **MAY 30 2023**



This has reference to the upcoming celebration of the 160th Year of Philippine Forestry Service and Arbor Day on 25 June 2023. From 2016 to 2022, 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.

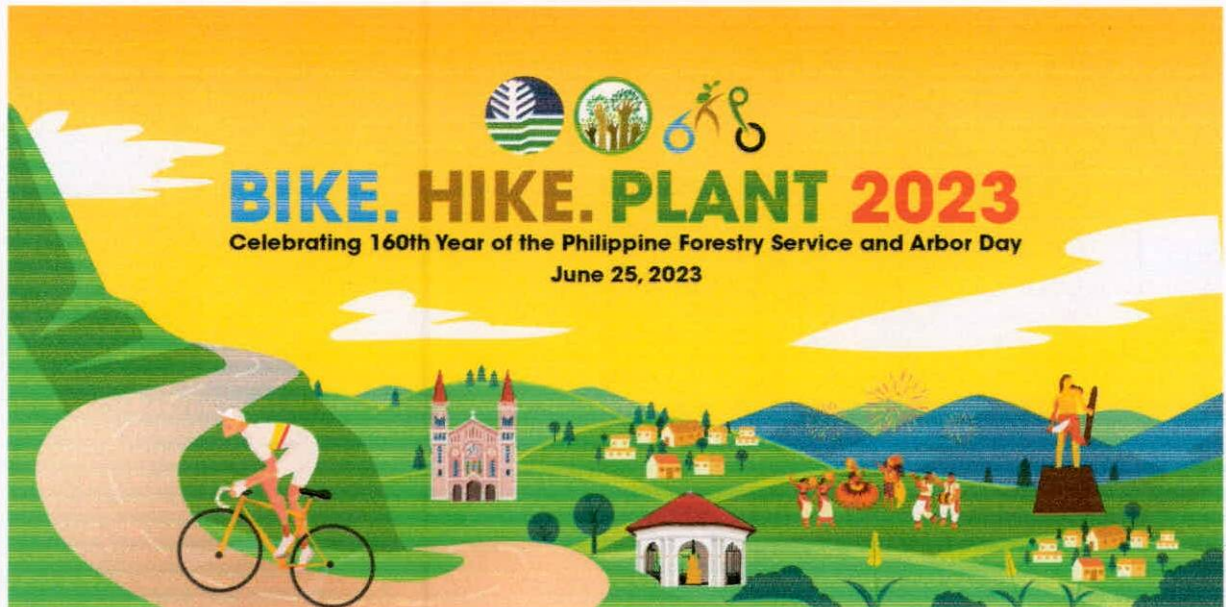
The Forest Management Bureau brought BHP to the Upper Marikina River Basin Protected Landscape (UMRBPL), San Mateo, Rizal in 2016, Mt. Arayat National Park, San Fernando City, Pampanga in 2017, Agoo-Damortis Protected Landscape and Seascape, La Union in 2018, and Mt. Batulao, Calaca, Batangas in 2019. In 2020, a Webinar on Forest, Health, and Wellness and Forest Wellness Week replaced BHP due to the pandemic. In 2021, the Bureau organized BHP+, a 20-day virtual marathon for bikers, hikers, runners, and walkers, taking off from the objectives of BHP. The "new normal" allowed the conduct of BHP+ to resume in Iloilo, Region VI in 2022. For this year's celebration, the Bureau will continue the vision of the event as a moving forest by bringing BHP to Cebu City in Region VII.

In this regard, all DENR Field Offices are hereby enjoined to conduct activities such as tree planting, school caravan, webinar, poster making contest, clean up drive, community pan-tree, or outdoor concert to mark the celebration of the 160th Anniversary of the Philippine Forestry Service and Arbor Day. 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: bit.ly/bhp2023.

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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