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Regional Executive Director Department of Environment and Natural Resources 3rd flr., 1515 DENR by the Bay Bldg., Roxas Boulevard, Brgy. 668, Ermita, Manila

Dear RED Mirasol,

Greetings of Peace!

The Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU) is carrying out the LPE Transformation for former rebels, their families and communities. This LPE mainstreaming and transformation program implementation are envisioned to result in: Ending Local Communist Armed Conflict, Promoting Community Resiliency, effecting good governance, and transforming CTG former rebels, their families and communities.

The recent successes of EO 70 ELCAC local peace initiatives, a testament to the government's relentless pursuit of peace, the Philippines continues to witness the increasing number of former members of CTGs choosing to turn their backs from violence and reconciling with the government particularly in the provinces of Masbate, Oriental Mindoro and Quezon. While this continues to be one of the significant milestones of the government, it is still undeniable that on top of the new batch of surrendering CTG members, there are still numerous former rebels who have yet to receive the appropriate reintegration packages. The said delays in delivery of reintegration packages and other issues and concerns may potentially threaten relative peace and security already gained in the fight against the communist armed struggle.

For this reason, the National Task Force – ELCAC and the OPAPRU Localized Peace Engagement Office (LPEO) together with the Area Management Unit (AMU) of Southern Luzon propose to conduct the pre-work and planning workshop of the transformation program for the province of Oriental Mindoro on November 21-23, 2023 at the Filipiniana Hotel, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro.

The project activities objectives are a) to orient the local bodies (ECLIP task forces, local peace panels and ECLIP committee members) on mainstreaming LPE and the transformation program for CTGs, their families and communities; b) to conduct initial formulation of cluster agenda for MIMAROPA Region; and c) to formulate the Oriental Mindoro PLGU's action plan towards the transformation of CTGs, their families and communities.

In particular, the discussion and workshop activities will be undertaken by the OPAPRU and DILG in partnership with the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro.

In this connection, the OPAPRU would like to invite you and/or your representative to the Province of Oriental Mindoro Transformation Program (TP) pre-work and planning workshop activities. In addition, we would like your office to prepare a presentation of your programs and services offered to the former rebels, their families and communities.

The OPAPRU will provide the accommodation and meals of the participants during the said activities. Hoping for your support and consideration on this momentous event for peace and transformation of former rebels, their families and communities in the province of Oriental Mindoro.

For confirmation of attendance, further inquiries and clarification, you may contact our area coordinator for MIMAROPA, Mr. Jun Mendoza thru his phone at 0917-8973623.

Sincerely yours,

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