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## MEMORANDUM

**FOR** : The Regional Executive Director  
DENR MIMAROPA Regional Office

**FROM** : OIC, PENR Officer

**SUBJECT** : **INDORSEMENT OF DENR-PEZA FIELDWORK  
PERFORMANCE, JULY 21-27, 2022 POST-TRAVEL UPDATE**

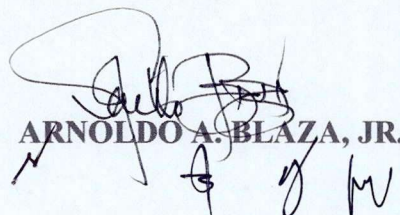
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Respectfully indorsing is the DENR-PEZA Fieldwork performance conducted on July 21-27, 2022 in the Municipality of San Fernando, Sta. Fe, Looc, and Odiongan.

A team comprised of staff from the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) and the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) through its Special Economic Zone Institute (SEZ Institute) has successfully rounded up a number of potential land areas in the Municipalities of San Fernando, Santa Fe, Looc and Odiongan in Romblon on 21<sup>ST</sup> - 27<sup>TH</sup> July 2022 for the purpose of initially observing the viability of the subject areas as candidate sites for the development of various types of Special Economic Zone (SEZ) for the province.

On the same period, through and upon the courtesy reception of the Local Government Units' (LGUs) Offices of San Fernando, Santa Fe, Looc and Odiongan, the team conducted a policy orientation and pre-planning consultation on the role and thrust of SEZ development projects as instrument in promoting export-based investments, generating employment opportunities, raising export earnings and purchasing power, and expanding the market and B2B networking among the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Romblon and around the *MiMaRoPa* Region in the future. The subject series of orientation and consultation reaped desirable and hopeful responses from the *Local Chiefs Executive* of the respective LGUs.

For your information and record.

  
**ARNOLDO A. BLAZA, JR.**

C.c: PEZA Office of the Director General





## MEMORANDUM

FOR : **ARNOLD A. BLAZA, JR.**  
OIC PENR Officer

THRU : Chief, Technical Services Division

FROM : **ALLAN T. SENDIONG, et.al.**  
Chief, Regulation and Permitting Section

SUBJECT : **THE DENR-PEZA FIELDWORK PERFORMANCE, JULY 2022 POST-TRAVEL UPDATE**

DATE : 22 August 2022

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### INITIATIVES

1. A team comprised of staff from the **Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)** through its **Romblon Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO)** and the **Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA)** through its **Special Economic Zone Institute (SEZ Institute)** has successfully rounded up a number of potential land areas in the Municipalities of San Fernando, Santa Fe, Looc and Odiongan in Romblon on 21<sup>ST</sup> - 27<sup>TH</sup> July 2022 for the purpose of initially observing the viability of the subject areas as candidate sites for the development of various types of **Special Economic Zone (SEZ)** for the province ;
2. On the same period, through and upon the courtesy reception of the **Local Government Units' (LGUs)** Offices of San Fernando, Santa Fe, Looc and Odiongan, the team conducted a policy orientation and pre-planning consultation on the role and thrust of **SEZ** development projects as instrument in promoting export-based investments, generating employment opportunities, raising export earnings and purchasing power, and expanding the market and **B2B** networking among the **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)** in Romblon and around the **MiMaRoPa** Region in the future. The subject series of orientation and consultation reaped desirable and hopeful responses from the *Local Chiefs Executive* of the respective **LGUs**;

### OUTPUTS

3. The team has duly noted the following initial commitment of the **LGU Chiefs** with the **DENR** and **PEZA**, to wit
  - 3.1 Municipality of San Fernando in Sibuyan Island wants to embark on 180-hectare **Mixed-Use SEZ** at its Barangay España , to be utilized as integrated zone for agro-industrial, manufacturing and mineral processing facilities , to be registered under PEZA laws and decrees ;
  - 3.2 Municipality of Santa Fe in Tablas Island wants to embark on at least 7.5-hectare **Tourism Enterprise SEZ** at Brgy. Agmanic, to be utilized as integrated marine ecology park and holiday resorts; likewise, to commit to its prospective developer and investor who proposes to develop an at least 15-hectare **Golf Course Sportsville** at Barangay Magsaysay for the same project to be registered under **PEZA** laws and decrees once the said proposal is already finalized between the **LGU** and the proponent private corporation ;
  - 3.3 Municipality of Looc wants to develop its Looc Cove along Barangay Poblacion, Punta, Guinhayaan, and Manhac into **Romblon Yacht Club** with an integrated Tourist and Fishing Port ; and
  - 3.4 Within the Municipality of Odiongan on at least 5-hectare proposed and **Information Technology Park**, to be utilized for **R&D** of **ICT** development,





manufacturing of exportable **ICT** components and tools, including **BPO** enterprises, all to be registered under **PEZA** laws and decrees;

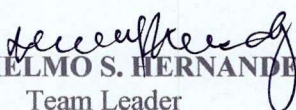
#### INSTRUCTIONAL REFERENCE

4. The subject fieldwork initiatives are derived from the phone-patched instructions from the Office of the Secretary of **DENR** and the Office of the Director General of **PEZA** on 19<sup>TH</sup> May 2022 and on 10<sup>TH</sup> June 2022 to both **PENRO-Romblon** and **SEZ Institute** in the light of the initiative of both **DENR** and **PEZA** to cascade and communicate the rationale and thrusts of the **Administrative Order 18 of 2019** of **OP** Malacañan Palace and the “Memorandum of Cooperation” between the two Agencies, which Senator Maria Imelda Josefa Remedios R. Marcos has called on to periodically visit and consult the **LGUs** and support them in studying the potentials of wherever idle or poorly cultivated land areas found as viable candidate sites for **SEZ** development projects, hence, the successful rounds up;

#### RECOMMENDATION


5. As requested by the Mayors of San Fernando, Santa Fe, Looc and Odiongan during the respective dialogues partially concluded, the **PENRO-Romblon** and the **SEZ Institute** shall facilitate a **SEZ Development Planning Workshops** in a virtual platform for the teaching - learning dynamics between the interested **LGUs** of Romblon and the *Subject Matter Experts* of the **Ecozone Development Department** of **PEZA** (hopefully for a schedule of online lectures by DZA Allan Datahan, DZA April Joy Medico, DM Emmanuel Cortero, DC Ludwig Daza, DC Lisa De Vera, and others) any given time between September and October of 2022. Following thereafter, the consolidated outputs of the said planning workshops shall be capsulized for the formal presentation before the **Office of the Governor** and the **Constituency Offices of the Congressmen** of Romblon for their appreciation and commitment of support.

For this exploratory and developmental initiative, as a team, representing the **PENRO-Romblon** are Thelmo S. Hernandez, Allan T. Sendiong, Orlando S. Contaoi, and Romer Gervacio, and for the **PEZA** is Chairman Jacky Gaviola Gajudo of the **SEZ Institute**. If the upcoming planning workshops will lead to workable plans before the current year ends, the **PENRO-Romblon** may possibly be recognized as the first **PENRO** (as pilot implementing province, the way it is being desired for by the team) to accomplish the thrusts defined by *Memorandum of Cooperation* entered into between **DENR** and **PEZA** in June 2022, among other **PENROs** around the country. Hereby respectfully submitted as “Post-Travel and Fieldwork Report” by the team, for the information of all concerned and for the kind approval of the Officer-In-Charge of **PENRO**.

  
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Chief, RPS

  
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Member  
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With Mayor Nanette Tansingco of  
Municipality of San Fernando, Romblon



With the Office of the MPDO of Sta. Fe,  
Romblon







With Mayor Lizette Arboleda of  
Municipality of Looc, Romblon



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