



### **DENR-EMB GETS ISO 14001 RECERTIFICATION**

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) was recently awarded its ISO 14001 recertification, securing its place in the list of environmental regulatory agencies in Asia to be conferred the same.

TUV Rheinland has awarded the recertification after the EMB has successfully completed reassessment of its environmental management programs. It may be recalled that the EMB got its certification from TUV Sud Management Service in Germany back in 2004.

“In 2014, the EMB management sought the need to apply for recertification to prove once more its commitment to improve its environmental performance and serve as an example to its industry, government and other stakeholders,” said DENR Assistant Secretary and Concurrent EMB Director, Atty. Juan Miguel T. Cuna.

DENR Asst. Secretary Cuna has likewise commended the EMB for this achievement, emphasizing that the cooperation and commitment of all EMB employees “contributed greatly to this milestone”. He further said that these efforts are in line with the administration’s thrust for good eco-governance and environmental leadership by example.

Other DENR offices, notably the DENR Central Office, have also started similar processes for ISO 14001 certification.

ISO 14001 sets out the criteria for an environmental management that allows organization to follow an effective environmental management system. It is an internationally recognized symbol that ensures an organization complies with applicable environmental laws and regulations.

The EMB strengthened its EMS through the implementation of programs and operational control procedures on Chemicals Management, Electricity Conservation, Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment Management, Fuel Conservation, Paper Conservation, Solid Waste Management, Water Conservation and Water Pollution Control, Air Pollution Control, Bulky Wastes Management, Greenhouse Gas Management and Hazardous Waste Management.

EMB's ISO 14001 certification is valid until August 2018. During this period, annual surveillance audits will be conducted to assess improvements in the implementation of EMB's environmental management system. ###