

5th National Multi-partite Monitoring Team (MMT) Convention slated for April

The Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) will hold the 5th National Multi-partite Monitoring Team (MMT) Convention on April 12-13, 2016 at Hotel Jen Manila (formerly Traders Hotel Manila).

This year's Convention is a two-day program envisioned to highlight the presentation of guidelines for MMTs' continual improvement, harmonization of policies on the establishment of MMTs, strengthening of disaster risk reduction/climate change adaptation in the monitoring process as well as MMTs' best practices. To optimize sharing, plenary and breakout sessions will also be conducted. With the theme "Revitalizing the Functions, Roles and Responsibilities of MMTs", the convention aims to come up with action points on the improvement of MMTs.

The event will be composed of plenary and breakout sessions, and presentations of best MMT practices.

Three breakout sessions will be held to discuss various issues of the MMT. These are MMTs for mining sector, power and energy sector and other sectors.

The session with mining sector will focus on presenting the guidelines of DENR Administrative Order 2015-02, Harmonization of the Implementation of the Philippine Environmental Impact Statement System and the Philippine Mining Act of 1995 in Relation to Mining Projects."

The session with power and energy sector will discuss carbon sequestration and how MMTs can actively participate in monitoring the tree planting activities of the proponents.

The session with other sectors will discuss clustered MMTs for Non-Environmentally-Critical Projects and Best MMT practices.

For interested MMTs, you may coordinate with the EMB Environmental Impact and Management Division at telephone numbers (02) 9202240 to 41 or (0908) 1908886. ###