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### **DENR-EMB leads triple environmental celebrations in November**

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) brings to the fore the importance of environmental awareness as it leads the celebration of three environmental events this month.

November is National Environmental Awareness Month and National Clean Air Month, and the National Climate Change Consciousness Week will be held on November 19-25.

Amid the continuing health threat posed by COVID-19, the EMB is taking the triple celebrations online under the collective theme: “New Normal Challenge: Sustainable Actions for Sustainable Future.”

The bureau has lined up several activities to inform and call to action the public on the importance of environmental protection featuring the projects of various EMB regional offices.

“These three celebrations are fittingly held this year especially with the heightened need to emphasize that our environment needs to be cared for us to live in a healthy planet,” said EMB Director William Cuñado.

Through the observance of these environmental events, Cuñado said, the DENR and EMB continue to underscore that climate change is a real threat and “care for the environment is everyone’s responsibility.”

Climate Change Consciousness Week on Nov. 19-27 with the theme “Adapting for a Sustainable Future,” will be marked by the audio-visual presentation of the book “Ang Paglalakbay ni Niño at Niña” on Nov. 13 along with other activities prepared by the DENR Climate Change Service (<https://facebook.com/DENRCCS>).

In celebration of the National Environmental Awareness Month and National Clean Air Month, the EMB Central Office will start posting on Nov. 20 in its Facebook Page the sustainable environmental projects of EMB regional offices that promote environmental protection.

From Nov. 6-20, the public is invited to submit entries to the “Share a Cleanup Story” audio-visual production contest which documents clean-up activities conducted in all water bodies nationwide that have been facilitated/conducted by the EMB Central Office and Regional Offices.

The Envileague hero cosplay competition from Nov. 9-27 will showcase the creativity of cosplay enthusiasts on upcycling materials and apparel to create costumes for EMB’s comic hero characters Babaylan Sigwa and Atmos.

The “Greenvirogames” on Clean Air and Climate Change Awareness featuring trivia questions will be held from Nov. 16-30.

On November 26, the EMB will hold the National Environmental Educators’ Webinar, entitled “Sustainable Recovery Strategies in the Environment and Natural Resources Sector for the Better Normal: Challenges for the Academe.”

The webinar will discuss updates on the status of the environment vis-à-vis the pandemic and health concerns. It will orient participants on the government’s Green Recovery Strategies in the Environment and Natural Resources Sector for the Better Normal Program.

Entries for the “Green Minds” slogan-writing and graphic-design competition will be posted from Nov. 20, and the winners of “The Adventures of Papa Gong” story writing contest will be announced on Nov. 27.

On Nov. 27, youth groups with outstanding contributions in environmental management and protection will be recognized in the Filipino Youth Envi Icon Awards. The award highlights youth efforts, green initiatives and contribution in environmental conservation to encourage and inspire the youth to be leaders and partners in these advocacies.

Details of all activities are posted on EMB’s official Facebook page. #

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