

EMB holds environmental laws education for new employees

New employees of the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) undergo environmental laws education to facilitate a basic understanding of the mandates of the institution and environmental management.

The first of three batches of webinars for new entrants was held on July 21, 2021.

Environmental laws education equips new EMB employees with knowledge and skills in environmental management and lets them recognize applicable legal and regulatory requirements for environmental compliance relevant to their functions.

EMB Director William P. Cunado said, “As new employees of EMB, we recognize your individual talents, skills, and expertise in the performance of your duties and responsibilities and through environmental laws education we intend to boost and escalate your awareness and comprehension about existing environmental laws.”

“We encourage you not only to “talk the talk” but more so, to “walk the talk, not only knowing the basics of the laws but be able to put it into action or practice what we preach,” Cuñado emphasized.

With the reorganization of the Department of Environment, Energy and Natural Resources, renaming it as the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) under Executive Order 192 of 1987, the EMB was created. It became a line Bureau by virtue of Sec. 34 of the Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999.

The EMB is mandated to implement on a nationwide scale environmental laws such as Presidential Decree (PD) 1586 (Environmental Impact Statement System of 1978); Republic Act (RA) 6969 (Toxic Substances and Hazardous Waste Control Act of 1990); RA 8749 (Clean Air Act of 1999); RA 9003 (Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000); RA 9275 (Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004); and RA 9512 (Environmental Awareness Act of 2008.)

The capacity building also introduced the other functions of the EMB on other environmental policy regulations crafted by the DENR, EMB, and partner agencies.

It also provided information on environmental international commitments such as the Vienna Convention and Montreal Protocol on the Protection of the Ozone Layer; United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol; Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants; Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal; Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Use; and other environmental International Commitments.

The second and third batches of the capacity building on the mandates of EMB and environmental laws will be held in August and September 2021, respectively.

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