

Search is on for Young Environment and Climate Leaders in the 3rd Year of Youth Envi Icon

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources through the Environmental Management Bureau, in partnership with the Climate Change Service, and National Youth Commission, launches during Earth Month celebration (April) the *2022 Youth Envi Icon: Recognition of EMB Youth Champions in Climate Action*.

Launched in 2020, the Youth Envi Icon, is spearheaded by the EMB in commemoration of the International Youth Day every August 12 of each year, as endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly on December 17, 1999.

According to EMB Director Engr. William P. Cuñado, "Through the conduct of the Youth Envi Icon, we would like to send the message that the youth are powerful agents of change, especially in the quest for environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation. We know that these youth leaders will never fail to give their all for their respective environmental and climate advocacies."

Now on its 3rd year, the Youth Envi Icon seeks to award and recognize programs and projects on climate change adaptation and mitigation, with impacts on clean air, clean water, solid waste management, chemical, toxic and hazardous waste management. Nominees must be involved in their respective programs, projects and initiatives for a minimum of two years, and continue to inspire members of their respective communities towards environmental management and protection.

Five (5) youth champions will be recognized and receive plaques and cash prizes, while three more will be given special citations by the NYC, through the KALAKASAN Award, for being active in nation building and community development, the Youth in Climate Action award, for innovative but replicable youth-led climate actions, and the SK Idol Award, for innovative SK related environmental programs and projects, and their transformative impact on the environment and communities.

Nominations are open from May 01, 2022 until July 29, 2022, while the Awarding Ceremony will be on November 25, 2022, as part of the celebration of the National Day for Youth in Climate Action.

For the mechanics, list of requirements, criteria and other pertinent information, please visit and follow the EMB Central Office Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/DENREnviBureau>.