

DENR-EMB conducts virtual ‘Training Workshop on Basic Photography for EMB Technical Employees’



The Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Environmental Management Bureau held a two-day virtual “Training Workshop on Basic Photography for EMB Technical Employees” last May 16-17, 2022. The training workshop was conducted so that EMB Technical Employees specifically those involved in field monitoring inspection could clearly capture photos for documentation and reports, and objects relevant to the subject of inspection and monitoring with the use of their mobile phones.

The main purpose of the training is that the participants will be able to understand the basic photography and its significance in field monitoring. Also, it will help them to capture photos clearly and accurately in the documentation of their field work. A total of 240 participants composed of EMB Technical Employees and division/section heads from all the regional offices actively participated in the training.

The importance of photographs in documentation and reports was highlighted by Engr. Marcelino Rivera, chief of EQMD Central Office, as it is for identifying sites for future monitoring, to aid in assessing changes over time, and also the photos transferred to a computer file, which forms part of the report would enable reader who have not been to the site to visualize the site conditions.

In addition, the representatives of various technical divisions of EMB presented the guidelines on photo documentation, and how photos take an important role in monitoring, validation, inspection and assessment activities.

The two-day workshop was headed by the resource speaker, Mr. Hervee Faustino, owner and creative director of Smartworks Creatives. He discussed the guidelines and technical aspects on how to take photos properly—first is by having a perspective and then finding a good angle.

“You must be familiar with your phone’s features, whether Android or iOS. Also, it’s important that you take many photos as you can. Because you can select which photo best suits your needs. Especially if these photos are being used for documentation purposes.”

Participants were also taught to use a photo-editing app like Lightroom to edit photos and crop images to best illustrate a story. ###