

ACHIEVING SDGs THROUGH THE ACADEME HIGHLIGHTED IN 2022 NATIONAL EDUCATORS' ASSEMBLY



The Philippine Association of Tertiary Level Educational Institutions in Environmental Protection and Management (PATLEPAM), in coordination with the Environmental Management Bureau, spearheaded the 2022 National Educators Assembly which include the PATLEPAM Webinar and General Assembly, on 20 October 2022, through Zoom and streamed live over the PATLEPAM and EMB Facebook Page.

With the theme, "Achieving Sustainable Development Goals through the Academe," the webinar aims to showcase how integrating climate change, environmentalism, and awareness on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals in the curriculum, instruction, learning and management, can help schools and academic institutions be environmentally sustainable.

In his message, Atty. Jonas R. Leones, DENR Undersecretary for Policy, Planning, and International Affairs (on behalf of Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga) emphasized the importance of partnerships and working together to achieve and fulfill the Sustainable Development Goals.

"Most of the SDGs are anchored towards environmental protection, climate change adaptation and sustainable development. That is why it is important to educate and empower our citizenry, of what they can do to protect our environment and conserve the natural resources."

Usec. Leones added, "I would like to reiterate the call of our Secretary to please join and support us, as we work together for a cleaner, better, greener and more sustainable environment, for the present and future generations."

For this year's learning event, a discussion on "Mainstreaming Climate Change in Academic Curriculum" was presented by Dr. Maria Victoria Espaldon, a professor at the

University of the Philippines Los Baños- School of Environmental Science and Management. Meanwhile, promoting and attaining green and eco-friendly initiatives in schools, was discussed by Dr. Mahesh Pradhan, Coordinator of the United Nations Environment Programme's Coordinating Body for the Seas of East Asia, in his presentation on "Sustainable Campus."

Over the years, the PATLEPAM has played a crucial role in empowering higher education institutions, to be more determined and equipped in implementing efforts that will help establish sustainability in school campuses and improve the quality of the environment.

This is the second online learning event that the PATLEPAM and EMB have organized, as a way of convening all faculty members, officials, students and other stakeholders from various colleges, universities, and higher education institutions nationwide, to discuss initiatives and solutions on environmental management, as part of the "better normal."

To watch the recording of the Webinar, and for updates on the PATLEPAM, like and follow their Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/PATLEPAM>. ###