



DENR, EMB Hosts Learning Visit and Orientation with Lao Government

The Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, through the Environmental Education and Information Division (EEID) in collaboration with the Development Academy of the Philippines, hosted a Learning Visit for the Lao Government officials for a session on inter-governmental coordination in the Philippines, namely in the area of resource and land management.

Invited to this Learning Visit and Orientation are representatives from Department of Environment and Natural Resources that discussed, Environmental Education and Information Division, Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) of the EMB, and the Environmental Compliance Assistance Center (ECAC). DENR Undersecretary Atty. Jonas R. Leones and DENR Assistant Secretary and Concurrent EMB Director Atty. Juan Miguel T. Cuna also gave their warm welcome.

Topics discussed included the DENR Mandate and Programs, EMB Program and Projects, and MGB's Programs in Regulating the Mining Industry in the Philippines. As an assistance center directly engaging with LGUs, ECAC shared how they operate the center and their experiences when it came to assisting LGUs in their environmental compliance. The ECAC also gave the Lao Government officials an overview of the ECAC website, its features, the center's activities and its future plans that can pave way for future collaboration. Part of ECAC's mandate is to help Local Government Units (LGUs) comply with environmental laws, regulations and standards, including permitting requirements.

The Learning Visit and Orientation with Lao Government was held last August 4, 2015 at the Air Quality Management Training Center Conference C.