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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Directors
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Biodiversity Management Bureau
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Forest Management Bureau
Land Management Bureau
Mines and Geosciences Bureau

FROM : The OIC Director, Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT : **INVITATION TO THE VIRTUAL WRITESHOP ON THE REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP (RCEP) AGREEMENT ON 21-24 SEPTEMBER 2020**

DATE : **21 SEP 2020**

This pertains to the letter dated 17 September 2020 from Assistant Secretary Allan B. Gepty, Department of Trade and Industry, inviting our Department to participate in the Virtual Writeshop on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement on 21 – 24 September 2020 via Zoom video conference. The participating agencies are expected to engage in the discussions, especially in the identification of key benefits of the said Agreement for the Philippines.

The Department is only expected to participate in the following sessions (*see enclosed Programme of Activities*):

- 21 September 2020 (Monday)
 - Opening Remarks (9:00AM - 9:20AM)
 - Plenary and Objective Setting (9:20AM - 9:40AM)
 - Session 4 - Trade in Services (1:30PM - 2:30PM)
- 22 September 2020 (Tuesday)
 - Session 8 - Trade in Goods (9:00AM - 10:00AM)
- 24 September 2020 (Thursday)
 - Session 19 - Market Access for Trade in Services (11:00AM - 1:00PM)
 - Plenary (2:00PM - 5:00PM)

- Synthesis (5:00PM - 5:45PM)
- Closing Remarks (5:45PM - 6:00PM)

It may be noted that the Department's offers to the RCEP Agreement, particularly on Environmental Services, are the following:

- Sewerage Services (CPC9401);
- Refuse Disposal Services (CPC94020);
- Sanitation and similar services limited to hail-clearing services (CPC9403);
- Services to reduce exhaust gases and other emissions for a factory (CPC9404);
- Site remediation and clean-up services (CPC9441); and
- Sweeping and snow removal services (CPC9451).

In this regard, kindly provide the full names and electronic mail addresses of your representatives **on or before 19 September 2020** through electronic mail at psddivision@gmail.com.

Enclosed are the pertinent documents for your reference.

For information and appropriate action, please.


MELINDA C. CAPISTRANO

EXTREMELY URGENT

17 September 2020

Please refer to the attached Distribution List

Subject: Invitation to participate in the Virtual Write Shop on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement

Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

This is to respectfully invite your agency to participate in the **Virtual RCEP Write Shop on 21-24 September 2020 (Monday-Thursday) via Zoom video conference.**

The objective of the write shop is to develop a unified message on the salient features and benefits of RCEP as part of the preparatory work for the signing of the RCEP Agreement. The lead negotiators will facilitate the discussions on their respective Chapters while agencies are requested to actively participate in the discussions, especially in the identification of key benefits of the Agreement for the Philippines. For reference, attached is the tentative Programme of Activities (POA).

Agencies are invited to participate only in the sessions as indicated in the attached POA. The Zoom link and details will be provided once available.

It will be greatly appreciated if you can **confirm your agency's participation by 19 September 2020.** Agencies are requested to provide the full name and electronic mail address of your chosen participants. The relevant documents will be circulated to nominated participants in due course.

For further queries and/or clarifications, you may coordinate directly with Ms. Ma. Monica A. Mamoyac (MaMonicaMamoyac@dti.gov.ph) or Ms. Kiezel Gendrano (KiezelGendrano@dti.gov.ph).

Thank you for the usual support and cooperation.

Sincerely,


Atty. Allan B. Gepty
Assistant Secretary and PH RCEP TNC Lead

BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE RELATIONS

Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Write Shop
21-24 September 2020
Video Conference

Programme of Activities

DATE/TIME	ACTIVITIES	PARTICIPATING AGENCIES
21 September 2020, Monday		
09:00 – 09:20	Opening Remarks	ALL
09:20 – 09:40	Plenary: Objective Setting <i>Facilitator: Assistant Secretary Allan Gepty, PH RCEP TNC Lead</i>	ALL
09:40 – 10:40	Session 1: Intellectual Property <i>Facilitator: Atty. Nathaniel Arevalo, IP Lead</i>	IPOPHL, BOC, DTI-BITR
10:40 – 11:40	Session 2: Investment <i>Facilitator: Atty. Elyjean Portoza, Investment Lead</i>	BOI-LCS, BOI-IPPS, DOJ, DTI-BITR
11:40 – 12:40	Session 3: E-Commerce <i>Facilitator: Dir. Maria Lourdes Yaptinchay, E-Commerce Lead</i>	DTI-BTIPR, DTI-BITR, BOI-LCS
12:40 – 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 – 14:30	Session 4: Trade in Services <i>Facilitator: Mr. Jan Redmond Dela Vega, TIS Lead</i>	DTI-BITR, BOI-LCS, BOI-IDS, NEDA, DOF, DFA, DOJ, DOLE, DOTR, DICT, SEC, DOF, BSP, NTC, CHED, DOT, PRC, POCB-CIAP, DepEd, BI, FDCP, IC, CAB, DOST, TESDA, DOH, MARINA, DENR, DTI-EMB, DOE, PPA
14:30 – 15:30	Session 5: Professional Services and Movement of Natural Persons <i>Facilitator: Mr. Jan Redmond Dela Vega, TIS Lead</i>	DTI-BITR, PRC, DOLE, NEDA, BI
15:30 – 16:30	Session 6: Financial Services <i>Facilitator: Dir. Neil Cabiles, FS Lead</i>	DOF, BSP, SEC, IC, NEDA, DTI-BITR
16:30 – 17:30	Session 7: Telecommunications Services <i>Facilitator: Engr. Samuel Sabile, TELCO Lead</i>	NTC, DICT, NEDA, DTI-BITR
22 September 2020, Tuesday		
09:00 – 10:00	Session 8: Trade in Goods <i>Facilitator: Ms. Denise Cheska Enriquez, TIG Lead</i>	DTI-BITR, BOI, DA, DFA, NEDA, TC, DOJ, DOF, BOC, DTI-BIS, DTI-EMB, DOE, DENR

10:00 – 11:00	Session 9: Rules of Origin <i>Facilitator: Ms. Denise Cheska Enriquez, ROO Lead</i>	DTI-BITR, BOI, BOC, DTI-BIS, DA, DOJ, TC, DTI-EMB
11:00 – 12:00	Session 10: Sanitary and Phytosanitary <i>Facilitator Ms. Annalyn Lopez, SPS Lead</i>	DA, DTI-BITR
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break	
13:00 – 14:00	Session 11: STRACAP <i>Facilitator Dir. Neil Catajay, STRACAP Lead</i>	DTI-BPS, FDA, DA-BAFS, DTI-BITR
14:00 – 15:00	Session 12: Trade Remedies <i>Facilitator: Ms. Maria Guiza Lim, TR Lead</i>	DTI-BIS, DA, TC, DTI- BITR
15:00 – 16:00	Session 13: Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation <i>Facilitator: Atty. Vincent Philip Maronilla, CPTF Chair/Lead</i>	BOC, DTI-BITR, DTI-BIS,
16:00 – 17:00	Session 14: ECOTECH and SME <i>Facilitator: Dir. Lydia Guevarra, ECOTECH Lead</i>	DTI-RGMS, DTI-BITR, DTI-EMB, DTI-BSMED
23 September 2020, Wed		
13:00 – 14:00	Session 15: Government Procurement <i>Facilitator: Executive Director Rowena Candice Ruiz, GP Lead</i>	GPPB-TSO, PhilGEPS, DTI-BITR
14:00 – 15:00	Session 16: Competition <i>Facilitator: Commissioner Johannes Benjamin R. Bernabe, CP Lead</i>	PCC, DTI-BITR
15:00 – 16:00	Session 17: Legal and Institutional Issues <i>Facilitator: Atty. Bernadette Ongoco, LII Lead</i>	DOJ, DTI-BITR
24 September 2020, Thu		
09:00 – 11:00	Session 18: Market Access for Trade in Goods <i>Facilitator: Assistant Secretary Allan Gepty, PH RCEP TNC Lead</i>	BITR, BOI, DA, DFA, NEDA, TC, DOJ
11:00 – 13:00	Session 19: Market Access for Trade in Services <i>Facilitator: Assistant Secretary Allan Gepty, PH RCEP TNC Lead</i>	DTI-BITR, BOI-LCS, BOI- IDS, NEDA, DOF, DFA, DOJ, DOLE, DOTR, DICT, SEC, DOF, BSP, NTC, CHED, DOT, PRC, POCB-CIAP, DepEd, BI, FDCP, IC, CAB, DOST, TESDA, DOH, MARINA, DENR, EMB, DOE, PPA
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	

14:00 – 17:00	Plenary: Presentation of Output <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Trade in Goods (including ROO, SPS, STRACAP, TR, and CPTF)</i> 2. <i>Trade in Services (including MNP, FS, PS, and TELCO)</i> 3. <i>Investment</i> 4. <i>E-Commerce</i> 5. <i>Intellectual Property</i> 6. <i>ECOTECH</i> 7. <i>SME</i> 8. <i>Government Procurement</i> 9. <i>Competition</i> 10. <i>Legal and Institutional Issues</i> 	ALL
17:00 – 17:45	Synthesis	ALL
17:45 – 18:00	Closing Remarks	ALL

Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Write Shop
21-24 September 2020

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SPECIAL ORDER

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**SUBJECT: DESIGNATING OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL AS MEMBERS OF
THE DENR ENVIRONMENTAL TRADE FOCAL GROUP**

In the interest of the service and in order to effectively carry out the functions of the DENR to participate in trade-related events to ensure that environmental policies in the country are considered and incorporated in trade negotiations and to ensure that the Department is regularly consulted on the issues regarding environmental services, various negotiating texts, and other trade-related matters, the following officials and personnel are hereby designated as members of the DENR Environmental Trade Focal Group:

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Dir. Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer (Vice-Chair)

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The DENR Environmental Trade Focal Group shall act as follows:

1. Update DENR officials on the current environmental trade related issues which may arise during trade negotiations or regular inter-agency meetings;
2. Provide appropriate environmental trade-related data that may be requested by other government agencies such as Department of Trade and Industry, National Economic Development Authority, etc., to address sectoral environmental trade-related issues; and,
3. Participate in trade-related meetings, trainings, workshops and related events.

Expenses to be incurred from the conduct of activities shall be charged against each respective offices allocation, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

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