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MEMORANDUM

FOR/TO : All Officials and DENR Employees

FROM : The Director
Knowledge and Information Systems Service

**SUBJECT : REQUEST TO USERS TO CHANGE PASSWORDS
*@DENR.GOV.PH EMAIL ADDRESSES AND ACTIVE
DIRECTORY (AD) AS PER PASSWORD COMPILATION OF
MANY BREACHES OF 2021 (PWCOMB21) LEAK REPORT**

DATE : 30 April 2021

In an effort to keep up with the growing risk of cyberattacks and a recent report about 1,921 stolen passwords from “.gov.ph” sites, we are requesting users of *@denr.gov.ph and AD account holders of the DENR Central Office to immediately change their passwords as a preventive measure. You may browse the report via this url: <https://www.rappler.com/technology/pwcomb21-password-leak-analysis-syhunt>

A common way cyberattacks occur is through brute force password cracking. This occurs when an attacker tests common password against multiple user accounts. This method is simple and relatively easy, making it incredibly common. Every employee’s password is a potential weakness for a cyber-attack. To combat the risk, we must develop strong passwords that cannot be easily guessed.

When creating your new password, please use the following criteria:

- At least eight (8) characters
- Uppercase (capital) letters. Examples: A, E, R
- Lowercase (small) letters. Examples: a, e, r
- Numbers. Examples: 2, 6, 7
- Symbols and special characters. Examples: ! @ & *

It is also the responsibility of the user to ensure that his/her password remains secret. The user should not share it with other individuals. The department reserves the right to hold the user liable for damages caused by his/her failure to protect the confidentiality of his/her password in accordance with these measure.

We cannot stress enough the threat that weak passwords pose to the entire department. You are requested to change your password as soon as possible and practice password confidentiality.

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Should you have questions, clarifications or require assistance, you may contact KISS-NIMD at VOIP 1145 or (02)8926-4806.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



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