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MEMORANDUM

TO : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**, Special Concerns
and **OIC-DIRECTOR**, Biodiversity Management Bureau
in concurrent capacity

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY,
Policy, Planning and Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects and
DIRECTOR, Forest Management Bureau

THE DIRECTORS
Climate Change Service
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Environmental Management Bureau
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FROM : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**
Policy, Planning, and International Affairs

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR INPUTS ON THE US-ASEAN BUSINESS
COUNCIL 2021 BUSINESS MISSION TO THE PHILIPPINES**

DATE : **MAY 07 2021**

Attached is the letter dated 7 April 2021 from the US-ASEAN Business Council (US-ABC), inviting the Secretary to the 2021 Virtual Business Mission to the Philippines on 17-21 May 2021.

The meeting aims to discuss how the US private sector could support the Philippine government to achieve its economy recovery goals, ensure sustainability and inclusion, prepare for the next pandemic, and build resilience against climate change.

In this regard, we would like to request for inputs and updates on key DENR initiatives on climate change and perspectives on environmental goods and services and submit the same to FASPs for consolidation on or before **11 May 2021**. Kindly send an advance copy to oueiea.denr@gmail.com.

For your immediate attention and appropriate action, please.


ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES

cc: The Head Executive Assistant, OSEC

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Let's Go Green!!!



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7 April 2021

Hon. Roy A. Cimatu
Secretary
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Visayas Avenue, Diliman
1100 Quezon City, Philippines

RE: Virtual Meeting Request during US-ABC's 2021 Business Mission to the Philippines, 17-21 May

Dear Secretary Cimatu:

On behalf of the US-ASEAN Business Council and its members, I send you our warmest greetings! I also wanted to thank you for designating Undersecretary Analiza Teh to meet with our delegation during our Philippines Business Mission on 1-4 September 2020, our first virtual country mission in ASEAN following the global outbreak of COVID-19.

The Council is now organizing its 2021 Virtual Business Mission to the Philippines from Monday, 17 May to Friday, 21 May. We would like to formally request a virtual meeting with you, preferably during the morning business hours on 17-21 May to allow company representatives based in the U.S. to participate.

The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss how the U.S. private sector could support the Government of the Philippines to achieve its economy recovery goals, ensure sustainability and inclusion, prepare for the next pandemic, and build resilience against climate change. This year, our members would like to support the Philippine government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, assist in accelerating digital transformation, promote ease of doing business and economic liberalization measures, and reinforce strong U.S.-Philippines bilateral ties for regional peace and prosperity. We also hope to receive an update on key DENR initiatives on climate change and perspectives on environmental goods and services.

The mission will be led by the co-chairs of our Philippines Committee, DC-based Mr. Philip Vaughn, Executive Director, Government Relations at Fluor, and Melbourne-based Mr. Stephen Braim, Vice President, Government and Regulatory Affairs at IBM Asia Pacific, the Council's Regional Managing Director and Senior Vice President Ambassador Michael Michalak (ret.), and me. Many of the companies in our delegation have long-standing roots in the Philippines and would greatly appreciate the opportunity to better understand the Government's agenda and share their plans for growth in the Philippines.

We will work closely with your staff to coordinate and provide full details in preparation for our meeting. You may contact me anytime, or your staff may also contact the Council's Philippines Chief Representative, Ms. Elizabeth Magsaysay-Cr ebassa (em.crebassa@usasean.org or +63 918 946 4478), and our Manager Norika Pineda (npineda@usasean.org or +63 918 947 5892).

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you, and I hope to meet you in-person as soon as business travel resumes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Feldman", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Alexander C. Feldman

cc: H.E. Jose Manuel Romualdez, Philippine Ambassador to the United States
Mr. John Law, Charg e d' Affaires, U.S. Embassy in Manila