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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO

ALL REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

ALL BUREAU DIRECTORS

ALL HEADS OF ATTACHED AGENCIES

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REGIONAL STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION INITIATIVES

GROUPS AND BUREAU AND ATTACHED AGENCY

INFORMATION OFFICERS

FROM

THE UNDERSECRETARY

Solid Waste Management and Local Government Units Concerns Supervising Undersecretary for Strategic Communication and Initiatives Service and Task Force *Tayo ang Kalikasan* 

**SUBJECT** 

PROVISION OF SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION AND

BRAILLE TRANSLATION OF DENR IEC MATERIALS

The Strategic Communication and Initiatives Service (SCIS) conducted an activity entitled Strengthening ENR Partnership with the Deaf and Blind Community last November 16, 2021 through Zoom application and Facebook livestreaming. The event was attended by Presidents of blind and deaf organizations as well as staff from the Regional Strategic Communication and Initiatives Group. During the activity, we launched the translation of selected information, education, communication (IEC) materials into Braille and provided sign language interpretation as well.

The event was held to enable the visually and hearing-impaired persons with disability to access the IEC materials of the Department and strengthen their capacities as partners in advocating good environmental stewardships.

In this regard, may we encourage your respective offices to promote and institutionalize the use of sign language interpretation and Braille translation for your IEC materials in order to make these accessible to the deaf/blind community.

Your staff may coordinate with Ms. Ember Parpa-Palma for sign language interpretation with contact number 0916-686-2861 or 0939-906-8321 and email address: <a href="mailto:embercparpa@gmail.com">embercparpa@gmail.com</a> and Ms. Lorie G. Barboza of the Resources for the Blind for the Braille translation with contact number 0928-241-4569 or (8) 726-3021 and email address: <a href="mailto:lorrie@blind.org.ph">lorrie@blind.org.ph</a> or may be able to recommend to you their regional counterparts who can assist you on these endeavor.

Should you need additional information you may contact Ms. Franelie T. Dela Cruz of the SCIS-Stakeholders Management and Conflict Resolution Division (SMCRD) through telephone no. (8)927-6336 or through mobile no. 0915-989-1356.

For your appropriate action.

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