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## MEMORANDUM

**FOR :** **The Director**, Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB)  
In concurrent capacity as Assistant Secretary for Policy,  
Planning and Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects

**The Director**, Forest Management Bureau (FMB),  
in concurrent capacity as OIC Assistant Secretary  
for Field Operations-Western Mindanao

**Regional Executive Directors**  
DENR Region IV-A, V, IX, X, and XI

**The Director**  
Climate Change Service

**FROM :** **The OIC Director**  
Human Resource Development Service

**SUBJECT :** **PARTICIPATION OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NATURAL  
RESOURCES CONSERVATION (MS NRC) BATCH 3  
GRANTEES IN THE FIELD TRIP IN PALAWAN ON 14 TO 19  
MAY 2023**

**DATE :** 15 MAR 2023

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Consistent with the signed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) dated 13 June 2022 and Special Order No. 2022-794, the following MS NRC Batch 3 scholarship grantees are required to participate in a field trip on classes NRC 231 and 232 which will be held on 14 to 19 May 2023, inclusive of travel time, at El Nido – Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area, Palawan:

No.	Name	Position/ Designation	Office
1	Reneo B. Vicente	Senior Ecosystem Management Specialist	National Parks Division - BMB
2	Angeline T. Villalba	Ecosystems Management Specialist II	National Parks Division - BMB
3	Marianica Philina L. Obmerga	Senior Forest Management Specialist	Forest Management Bureau

4	Muhammad Fazl-ur-Rahman J. Werble	EMS-II/ PASu, Siocon Resource Reserve	CENRO Siocon, Zamboanga del Norte – DENR Region IX
5	Eleanor D. Lacsí - De la Cruz	Ecosystems Management Specialist II / APASu TBPPS	PENRO Sorsogon City – DENR Region V
6	Ariane Joyce L. Mugol	Forester I	PENRO Cavite – DENR Region IV-A
7	Rolando O. Abad Jr.	Science Research Specialist II	Climate Change Service – DENR Central Office
8	Karen Austria Sotomango	Forest Technician I/ Designated Information Officer and Youth Desk Officer	CENRO Calaca, Batangas – DENR Region IV-A
9	Lovern Grace B. Amilao	Ecosystem Management Specialist I/ENGP Focal Person	Conservation and Development Section – DENR Region X
10	Clint Michael B. Cleofe	Development Management Officer II/ Chief, PAWCZMS/Focal Person for Mabini PLS and Mainit Hot Spring PL, Davao de Oro	PENRO Davao de Oro – DENR Region XI

Relative to this, it is hereby requested that the attendance be authorized on official time. Expenses to be incurred shall be charged against DENR funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Attached are the copies of their approved Special Order, signed Service Obligation Contract and schedule for 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester 2022-2023 for reference.

For consideration.

  
MIRIAM M. MARCELO



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**SPECIAL ORDER**  
No. 2022 - 794

OCT 15 2022

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZING CERTAIN DENR EMPLOYEES TO PURSUE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION BATCH 3 AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES LOS BAÑOS (OFF-CAMPUS)**

In the interest of the service and to enhance and develop the competencies of DENR professionals in relevant areas of natural resources conservation, the following DENR employees are hereby endorsed to participate in the selection and admission to the Master of Science in Natural Resources Conservation (MS NRC) Batch 3 to be implemented by the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) covering the period of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, SY 2022-2023 to 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester, SY 2023-2024, starting 15 October 2022:

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1	Ariane Joyce L. Mugol	Forester I	PENRO Cavite – DENR Region IV-A
2	Rolando O. Abad Jr.	Science Research Specialist II	Climate Change Service – DENR Central Office
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10	Marianica Philina L Obmerga	Project Evaluation Officer II	Foreign Assisted and Special Projects Service – DENR Central Office
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The MS NRC is a blended program that will require the grantees to attend weekend classes at the designated area/s identified by the DENR and online learning, as may be required by the course. They are required to report to their respective offices in between modules until completion of the said program.

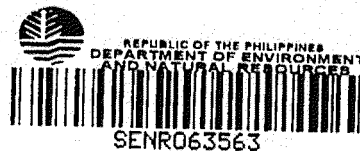
The grantees shall receive full scholarship grant under the DENR Local Scholarship Program. The DENR shall continue to pay their salaries and other emoluments and adjustments, subject to the existing scholarship guidelines and the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Further, the grantees are entitled to one (1) day-off privilege per week during course work; and two (2) days-off privilege per week during the conduct of thesis writing.

As recipients of scholarship grant, the grantees are required to sign a Service Obligation Contract with DENR which shall serve as basis for monitoring and evaluation of performance as regards to compliance with scholarship rules and regulations.

This Order takes effect immediately and shall remain in force until December 2024 as the expected date of completion of the said Program.

*Ernesto D. Adobo, Jr.*  
**ATTY. ERNESTO D. ADOBO, JR., CESO I**  
 Undersecretary  
 Legal, Administration, Human Resources and  
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13 March 2023

**SEC. MARIA ANTONIA YULO-LOYZAGA**

Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
Visayas Avenue, Diliman  
Quezon City

Dear Secretary Yulo-Loyzaga:

We would like to submit the revised schedule of classes of the **MS NRC off campus (Batch 3) program** for the second semester of the academic year 2022-2023. The activities are in accordance with the MS NRC scholarship program for DENR memorandum of agreement and part of the course requirements for the semester.

Thank you very much.

Very Truly Yours,

**JAN JOSEPH V. DIDA**

Program Coordinator, MS NRC Off-Campus



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Date	Time	Subject	Mode	Venue	Faculty
18-Feb	8-12;1-5	NRC 282	Face to Face	UPLB, Los Baños, Laguna	LSJ Maldia
19-Feb	8-12;1-5	NRC 282	Face to Face	UPLB, Los Baños, Laguna	LSJ Maldia
25-Feb	8-12;1-5	NRC 282	Online	Zoom	LSJ Maldia
26-Feb					
4-Mar	8-12;1-5	NRC 282	Fieldtrip	Zambales	LSJ Maldia
5-Mar	8-12;1-5	NRC 282	Fieldtrip	Zambales	LSJ Maldia
11-Mar	8-12;1-5	NRC 282	Face to Face	DENR, Quezon City	LSJ Maldia
12-Mar	8-12;1-5	NRC 282	Face to Face	DENR, Quezon City	LSJ Maldia
18-Mar					
19-Mar					
25-Mar	8-12;1-5	NRC 282	Online	Zoom	LSJ Maldia
26-Mar					
1-Apr	8-12;1-5	NRC 282	Online	Zoom	LSJ Maldia
2-Apr					
8-Apr		Black Saturday			
9-Apr		Easter Sunday			
15-Apr		Reading Break			
16-Apr					
22-Apr		Eidl Fitr			
23-Apr					
29-Apr	9-12;1-4	NRC 231	Face to Face	DENR, Quezon City	RT Andrada II
30-Apr	9-12;1-4	NRC 232	Face to Face	DENR, Quezon City	RT Andrada II
6-May	9-12;1-4	NRC 232	Online	Zoom	RT Andrada II
7-May	9-12;1-4	NRC 232	Online	Zoom	RT Andrada II
13-May	9-12;1-4	NRC 231	Online	Zoom	RT Andrada II
14-May	9-12;1-4	NRC 231	Online	Zoom	RT Andrada II
15-May	9-12;1-4	NRC 231/NRC 232	Fieldtrip	El Nido, Palawan	RT Andrada II
16-May	9-12;1-4	NRC 231/NRC 232	Fieldtrip	El Nido, Palawan	RT Andrada II
17-May	9-12;1-4	NRC 231/NRC 232	Fieldtrip	El Nido, Palawan	RT Andrada II
18-May	9-12;1-4	NRC 231/NRC 232	Fieldtrip	El Nido, Palawan	RT Andrada II
20-May	9-12;1-4	NRC 232	Online	Zoom	RT Andrada II
21-May	9-12;1-4	NRC 232	Online	Zoom	RT Andrada II
27-May	9-12;1-4	NRC 231	Online	Zoom	RT Andrada II
28-May	9-12;1-4	NRC 231	Online	Zoom	RT Andrada II
10-Jun	9-12;1-4	NRC 231	Face to Face	UPLB, Los Baños, Laguna	RT Andrada II
11-Jun	9-12;1-4	NRC 232	Face to Face	UPLB, Los Baños, Laguna	RT Andrada II

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**LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP AND SERVICE OBLIGATION CONTRACT**

**KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:**

This Agreement is entered into this OCT 5 2022 at Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines by and between the **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**, hereinafter referred to as **DENR** and represented by **ATTY. ERNESTO D. ADOBO, JR.**, Undersecretary for Legal, Administration, Human Resources and Legislative Affairs, Filipino, of legal age, and **ROLANDO O. ABAD, JR.**, Filipino, of legal age, and presently employed as **SCIENCE RESEARCH SPECIALIST II** in the **DENR CENTRAL OFFICE**, hereinafter referred to as **GRANTEE**:

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, the DENR, aims to enable its personnel to acquire relevant technical skills and knowledge in biodiversity conservation.

WHEREAS, the GRANTEE accepts the DENR Scholarship award under all its terms and conditions as contained in this Local Scholarship and Service Obligation Contract signed by both parties on \_\_\_\_\_; and other provisions embodied in DENR Administrative Order No. 15, series of 1996, as amended by DENR Administrative Order 2000-77 and the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) dated 13 June 2022 between the DENR and the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB);

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the said premises, both parties have agreed to the following terms and conditions:

**I. FIELD AND PLACE OF STUDY**

The GRANTEE shall enroll for the **Master of Science in Natural Resources Conservation (MS NRC) Major in Parks and Outdoor Recreation Management** at the University of the Philippines Los Baños to be conducted off campus, as approved by DENR and shall comply with the existing local scholarship rules and regulations of DENR and the academic institution.

**II. DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANT**

The scholarship grant shall be for a duration of **two (2) years** or equivalent to the period prescribed by the academic institution.

It may, however, be terminated earlier if the GRANTEE completes the degree within a shorter period of time or for other reasons specified in this Local Scholarship and Service Obligation Contract.

The allowable period of this grant is from **October 2022 to December 2024**.

- d. Transfer to other government agency or a private institution;
- e. Expulsion or suspension from the UPLB;
- f. Grave misconduct, gross neglect of duty, and serious dishonesty;
- g. Obtaining of a grade of "5" or its equivalent in any of his/her subjects and obtaining a grade lower than the prescribed average grade of "1.75" or its equivalent, after two (2) consecutive semesters in the program, unless the GRANTEE's reason is justifiable and the UPLB still accepts him/her;
- h. Enjoying simultaneous benefits/privileges such as foreign travel, without prior approval of DENR, **except** attendance to trainings on matters related to the field of study, or, in highly meritorious circumstances (unavailability of qualified employees in highly technical or specialized fields), participation to International Conferences, meetings and other non-study trips, to which the Philippine Government has commitments where he/she is the Focal Person, Chairperson or Member of a Technical Working Group, Board or related organizations; and
- i. Failure to submit his/her scholastic records/grades two weeks upon receipt of the grades from the UPLB endorsed by his/her immediate supervisor to the HRDC through HRDC Secretariat.

#### **V. GRANTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

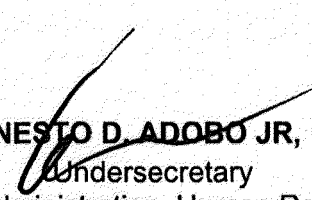
- 1. Complete the program within the duration of the scholarship grant;
- 2. Carry the required regular academic load for each school term, except when the units are the last remaining units for completion of the program.
- 3. Devote full time to the program by:
  - a. Not enjoying simultaneous scholarship or other grants; and
  - b. Not entering into any form of employment and/or consultancy without prior approval of the Secretary or his/her representative.
- 4. Maintain an average grade of "1.75" or its equivalent or as required by the UPLB where he/she is enrolled;
- 5. Seek prior approval from the Secretary or his/her representative before doing any of the following:
  - a. Dropping of more than 25% of academic load in any one term;
  - b. Changing the field of study;
  - c. Transfer to another academic institution;
  - d. Taking a leave of absence.
- 6. Submit a progress report to include subjects taken and grades obtained two (2) weeks upon receipt of grades from the UPLB endorsed by his/her immediate supervisor to the HRDC through HRDC Secretariat;



- Automatic equal monthly deduction in salary and other benefits, to be settled within one (1) year or three (3) years after the termination of the scholarship grant but shall not, in any case, exceed a maximum period of five (5) years, provided, the same is in compliance with relevant laws<sup>2</sup>; provided further, that cause of refund is **not** due to separation from the service.

The abovementioned collection of refund processes is **mutually exclusive** and shall be **irrevocable** once an option has been communicated and/or brought to the knowledge of the DENR. In no case shall the refund be made without notice prior to the collection thereof.

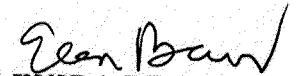
IN WITNESS HEREOF, the parties hereunto set their signatures  
this OCT 15 2022 in QUEZON CITY, Philippines.

  
**ATTY. ERNESTO D. ADOBO JR, CESO I**  
Undersecretary  
Legal, Administration, Human Resources  
and Legislative Affairs

  
**ROLANDO O. ABAD, JR.**  
Grantee

**WITNESSES**

  
**HIRO V. MASUDA, DBA, CESO III**  
Assistant Secretary

  
**ELENIDA DR. BASCO**  
Director Climate Change Services

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Head of Office/Immediate Supervisor

<sup>2</sup> Republic Act no. 10964 "General Appropriations Act" s. 2018