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MEMORANDUM

FOR/TO : ALL UNDERSECRETARIES
ALL ASSISTANT SECRETARIES
ALL BUREAU DIRECTORS
ALL SERVICE DIRECTORS

FROM : THE UNDERSECRETARY
Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change

SUBJECT : SUPPORT TO THE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF GOOD
STORIES AND GRATITUDE TO THE MOVING CHARACTERS,
19 APRIL 2023, 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM VIA ZOOM
TELECONFERENCE, AND DENR FACEBOOK LIVESTREAMING

DATE : 14 April 2023

The Good Stories Movement spearheaded by former UNEP Global 500 Roll of Honor, and Ramon Magsaysay awardee, Environmental Lawyer Tony Oposa, and with some assistance from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, will be conducting the International Recognition of Good Stories and Gratitude to the Moving Characters: Bayanihan na Pasasalamat Para sa Katauhan event on 19 April 2023, Wednesday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Ramon Magsaysay Center in Manila City. This is in support to the commemoration of the International Earth Day. DENR Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga will deliver a MESSAGE for this event.

This event will showcase the Good Stories of people who are helping to take care of, protect and restore the Life-Sources of Land, Air, and Waters of the Philippines and in Southeast Asia. It will also give international recognition and global gratitude to the characters behind the good stories.

While face-to-face attendance to this event is by invitation from Atty. Oposa, we would like to invite you, your officials and staff members to the said recognition ceremony with the following Zoom details:

Meeting ID: 932 7709 6504
Passcode: GSTORIES

The event will also be livestreamed thru the DENR Facebook account.

May we also request the dissemination of this online invitation to our DENR regional and field offices. Attached is the concept note and provisional program for more details of the said event.

Your support and participation will be highly appreciated.


ATTY. ANALIZA REBUELTA-TEH

Recognition of Good Stories and Gratitude to the Moving Characters:

Bayanihan na Pasalamat Para Sa Katauhan

April 19, 2023 | 9:00 AM - 3 PM

Ramon Magsaysay Center (Roxas Blvd, Manila)

Provisional Program		
8:00- 9:00 AM	Registration	Secretariat
9:00 AM - 9:05 AM	Whisper of The Wind (Bulong ng Kalikasan)	
9:05 AM - 9:25 AM	Introduction of Everyone	
9:25 AM - 9:30 AM	Messages for Welcome and Greetings	Ramon Magsaysay Foundation Normandy Chair for Peace
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	The Good Stories Movement – <i>“Inspiration is the highest and most powerful form of Leadership. A good story is most powerful to inspire and set hearts on fire.”</i>	Atty. Tony Oposa
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Recognition of Good Stories (1st Batch)	Prof Lin Heng Lye, Pascal Buleon, David Forman, Ed Hagedorn, Hilario Davide (TBC), and if willing, RM Laureates who are present
10:30 AM - 10:35 AM	Community Singing of - Impossible Dream	All participants
10:35 AM - 10:50 AM	Message	Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga Department of Environment and Natural Resources
10:50 AM - 11:05	Continuation of Recognition of Good Stories (2nd Batch)	
11:05 AM 11:10 AM	Community Singing of - BORN FREE	All participants
11:10-12:00 PM	Recognition of more Good Stories (3rd Batch)	
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch-cum-Fellowship and Sharing of more Good Stories	

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Continuation of Recognition of Good Stories (4th Batch)	
2:30 PM - 2:45 PM	Good Luck Remarks to the DENR and others	Hilario Davide, Ed Hagedorn, etc.
2:46 – 3:00 PM	Community Singing (What a Wonderful World) Ceremonial Founding of the Good Stories Concert Chorale	All participants

Concept Note for the April 19, 2023 International Recognition and Global Gratitude

Why: Rationale

Most of what happens in the world is not bad. It is
Why do we hear only of the bad and the sad? Because we
feel stressed, depressed, helpless, and hopeless.

No, we are not helpless and hopeless!

Maybe you and I cannot do great things.

We may not change the world.

But we can change the story of the world,

If we change the storyline.

From negative to positive,

from bad to good,

and from sad to happy.



WORLD CONCERT OF GOOD STORIES

<https://youtu.be/zBdL5Arb-s0>

What:

An event will be held to showcase the Good Stories of People who are helping to take care of, protect and restore the Life-Sources of Land, Air and Waters of the Philippines and in Southeast Asia. It will give international recognition and global gratitude to characters behind the good stories.

Who:

The Organizing Team is made up of:

Edward Hagedorn, Member of the Committee on Natural Resources, House of the Representatives

Din Mabanta, MD, Volunteer Management Consultant and Organizer of the Good Stories Movement

Paulo Burro, JD, Volunteer Organizer of the Good Stories Movement

Nicole Ponce, JD, Research Fellow of the Normandy Chair for Peace, France

Julius Yano, Assistant Secretary of the Dept of Transportation Office of Maritime Affairs

Elenida Basug, Director, Climate Change Service, DENR

Albert de la Cruz, Climate Change Commissioner, Office of the President

Valerie Fajardo, JD, Volunteer Organizer and Counsel of the Good Stories Movement

Tony Oposa, Certified Beach Bum

Signatories to the Certificates of Gratitude to be handed to the Honorees

Nicholas Robinson, Chair Emeritus of the Normandy Chair for Peace,
Executive Governor of the International Council for Environmental Law,
New York and Madrid

Emilie Gaillard, PhD, General Coordinator of the Normandy Chair for Peace, City of Caen,
Normandy, France

Durwood Zaelke, Founder and President of the Institute of Governance and Sustainable
Development, Washington DC and Paris

Lye Lin Heng, Co-Founder of the Masters in Environmental Management, and former
Director of the Asia Pacific Center for Environmental Law, National University of

Singapore

Certain world-renowned personalities may be coming to personally hand the Certificates of Gratitude to the Honorees.

When: Month of the Earth, April 19, 2023, Wednesday, 9 am to 3 pm.

Where: Ramon Magsaysay Center Foundation, Roxas Blvd., Manila

