



**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**KAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS YAMAN**



**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** : **The Undersecretaries**  
Field Operations – Luzon, Visayas, and Environment  
Policy, Planning, and International Affairs

**The Director**  
Legal Affairs Service

**The Bureau Directors**  
Environmental Management Bureau  
Biodiversity Management Bureau  
Forest Management Bureau  
Land Management Bureau

**The Regional Executive Director**  
Region VII

**The Administrator**  
National Mapping Resource and Information Authority

**FROM** : **The Undersecretary**  
Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs

**SUBJECT** : **INVITATION AND REQUEST FOR A BRIEFING ON THE  
CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF RESORTS NEAR OR  
WITHIN THE CHOCOLATE HILLS WHICH IS DECLARED A  
GLOBAL GEOLOGICAL PARK BY UNESCO AND A PROTECTED  
LANDSCAPE UNDER THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED  
PROTECTED AREA SYSTEM FROM THE COMMITTEE ON  
NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES**

**DATE** : **22 MAR 2024**

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In reference to the electronic mail received, the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives is inviting and requesting the Department for a briefing on **01 April 2024 (Monday), 10:00 in the morning at Speaker Belmonte Hall, South Wing Annex, House of Representatives** on the construction and operation of resorts near or within the Chocolate Hills which is declared a global geological park by UNESCO and a protected landscape under the National Integrated Protected Area System.

The Committee is also requesting the following information:

1. Complete data on the areas within the Chocolate Hills in the Province of Bohol, with the description as to which areas are covered by Proclamations or laws, declared as national parks, or remain as agricultural land;
2. Maps and titles of properties within the Chocolate Hills;
3. Overview and Timeline of the processes relative to the construction of Captain's Peak Garden and Resort in Sagbayan, Province of Bohol;
4. Recommendation and action of the DENR against the Captain's Peak Garden and Resort;
5. List of other similar establishments within the Chocolate Hills area; and
6. Other pertinent information.

In this regard, may we request a position paper and the submission of the abovementioned information and other briefing materials/presentation. Kindly send them on or before **26 March 2024** via email at [denrlo@denr.gov.ph](mailto:denrlo@denr.gov.ph) for submission to the Committee.



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20 March 2024

**HON. MARIA ANTONIA YULO LOYZAGA**

*Secretary*

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

**Dear Honorable Secretary Loyzaga:**

The Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives would like to request your good office for a **briefing** anent the construction and operation of resorts near or within the Chocolate Hills which is declared as a global geological park by UNESCO and a protected landscape under the National Integrated Protected Area System. The Briefing will be held on **1 April 2024 (Monday), 10:00 in the morning at Speaker Belmonte Hall, South Wing Annex, House of Representatives.**

In particular, the Committee would like to request information on the following:

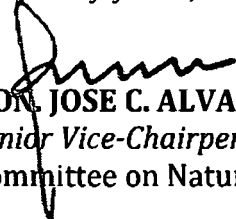
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5. List of other similar establishments within the Chocolate Hills area; and
6. Other pertinent information.

We would like to respectfully request the submission of the aforementioned materials and your position paper on the topic on or before the meeting date in order to give the Committee Members enough time to read through the materials.

For confirmation of attendance or further inquiries, the Committee may be reached at [committee.naturalresources@house.gov.ph](mailto:committee.naturalresources@house.gov.ph). We are looking forward to having a fruitful discussion with you on the said matter.

Thank you very much!

Very truly yours,



**HON. JOSE C. ALVAREZ**  
*Senior Vice-Chairperson*  
Committee on Natural Resources

**Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City**

**COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES  
April 1, 2024 (Monday), 10:00 AM  
Speaker Belmonte Hall, House of Representatives**

**BRIEFING  
(Face-to-Face Meeting)**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call**
- II. Acknowledgment of Members and Resource Persons**
- III. Opening Remarks of the Presiding Officer  
Hon. Jose C. Alvarez  
2<sup>nd</sup> District, Palawan**
- IV. Briefing on the construction of resorts near the Chocolate Hills in the Province of Bohol**
  - A. Department of Environment and Natural Resources and attached agencies**
  - B. Protected Area Management Board, Chocolate Hills**
  - C. Department of Tourism**
  - D. Department of the Interior and Local Government**
  - E. Registry of Deeds, Province of Bohol**
  - F. Governor, Province of Bohol**
  - G. Municipal Mayor,  
Municipality of Sablayan, Province of Bohol**
  - H. Board Member Atty. Jamie Aumentado Villamor**
  - I. Tagbilaran Baywatch**
  - J. Captain's Peak Management**
  - K. Other Resort Owners**
- V. Other Matters**
- VI. Adjournment**