



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



MEMORANDUM

**FOR** : **The Undersecretaries**  
Field Operations - Luzon, Visayas, and Environment  
Legal and Administration

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

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

**The Regional Executive Director**  
Region VII

**The Regional Director**  
EMB Region VII

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

**SUBJECT** : **INSTRUCTIONS OF THE SECRETARY RE: 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 BY THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**DATE** : **25 MAR 2024**

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In reference to the instructions of the Secretary, you are **respectfully REQUESTED TO ATTEND** the House Committee Hearing of the Committee on Natural Resources re: 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.

For information and compliance, please.



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