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SUBJECT:

Authorizing the attendance of DENR Professional Foresters to the 2002 Annual Convention of the Society of Filipino Foresters, Inc. (SFFI), on 26-29 September 2002 at Bacolod Convention Plaza, Bacolod City.

In the interest of the service and pursuant to the government's program for professionals as provided for under Presidential Proclamation No. 118 dated 11 June 1987, DENR professional foresters are hereby authorized to participate in the 2002 Annual Convention of the Society of Filipino Foresters, Inc, to be held at Bacolod Convention Plaza, Bacolod City on 26-29 September 2002.

Attendance to the convention will provide the opportunity for the professional foresters within the DENR, its bureaus, attached agencies and forestry related projects to keep abreast with new scientific and technological advancement in the aspects of ecological and sustainable mountain development, which could be gained and acquired through the conduct and attendance to a convention such as this. It will serve as a venue wherein Filipino Foresters will interact and renew their commitments in ensuring that forestry will serve as one of the vital cogs of forestry's economic and social growth in the country.

In view hereof, DENR professional foresters from central office, its bureaus, attached agencies and forestry related projects and programs herein employed may attend the activity subject to the availability of funds. Likewise, all Regions may send only two (2) official representatives, except for Regions 6, 7 & 8 which shall be determined by their respective Regional Executive Directors. Other DENR professional foresters may attend the convention on official time only. Provided however, heads of the concerned offices shall ensure that the participation of their personnel will not hamper the basic functions and responsibilities of the department.

Convention fees, cost of travel expenses and per diems shall be charged against their respective offices subject to availability of funds and in accordance with accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order takes effect immediately.

OIC, Secretary