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SPECIAL ORDER

No. 2003- 267

SUBJECT: DEPUTIZING MR. TONY MELOTO AND MR. ROLAND NILLAS OF THE OIKOS SOCIETY OF COUPLES FOR CHRIST AS DEPUTY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICERS

Pursuant to the pertinent provisions of existing environment and natural resources laws and regulations, specifically DENR Administrative Order No. 41, S. 1991, and in order to directly involve the citizenry and members of the civil society in the protection and conservation of the country's environment and natural resources, MR. TONY MELOTO, SOCIAL MINISTRIES DIRECTOR AND MR. ROLAND NILLAS, NATIONAL COORDINATOR OF THE OIKOS SOCIETY OF COUPLES FOR CHRIST, AS DEPUTY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICERS (DENRO).

By virtue of this deputation, they are authorized to detect and investigate violations of natural resources laws, rules and regulations and, in the absence of an authorized DENR personnel, arrest even without warrant any person who has committed, is committing or is about to commit in their presence, any of the criminal offenses defined under the said laws.

In all instances of detection, arrest and/or seizure, they shall deliver within the period prescribed by law from the time of arrest and seizure of the offender including confiscated natural resources products, tools/equipment and conveyances to, and file the proper complaint with the appropriate official designated by law to conduct preliminary investigation and file information in Court through the CENRO/PENRO/RED concerned, whoever is most expeditiously available.

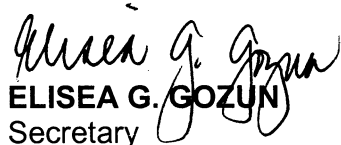
They shall also act as witness in Court for the speedy prosecution of criminal complaints against environmental and natural resources law violators.

Moreover, they shall assist in the enforcement of laws, rules and regulations, and in the conduct of environment and natural resources information and education campaign such as public meetings/assemblies and other extension activities of the DENR, as well as conduct training on environmental protection and enforcement of law for communities where the OIKOS Society of Couples for Christ is operating, in coordination with the officials/personnel and/or private agencies involved in similar work.

They shall submit monthly accomplishment report to the DENR Undersecretary for Field Operations using the standard reporting form provided under DENR Administrative Order No. 41, S. 1991.

This deputation authorizes them only to exercise the power and authority conferred herein within the area of operation of the OIKOS Society of the Couples for Christ, and is not transferable.

This deputation Order takes effect immediately and will expire on December 2003 or unless revoked or terminated by this Office.


ELISEA G. GOZUN
Secretary