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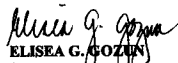
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 2003 - 28

SUBJECT : ADOPTING THE "CODE OF CONDUCT FOR GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE" IN ALL DENR OFFICES

In the interest of the service and to give more substance and commitment to our environmental advocacy, the Department hereby adopts the attached "Code of Conduct for Good Environmental Governance."

1. This Code shall henceforth govern the decisions and actions of all employees in the Department.
2. To promote the awareness and understanding of the tenets thereof, all heads of offices shall conduct focus-group discussions on each provisions of the Code for two months after signing of this administrative order.
3. The Secretary, Undersecretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Bureau Directors and Regional Executive Directors shall lead the signing of the Code as an expression of our commitments to abide by it.
4. Henceforth, all those who will be employed by the Department shall, as one of the preconditions for employment, commit themselves to abide by the Code.
5. The Code shall be read solemnly during every flag raising ceremony, and a copy displayed prominently in all DENR offices.

This Order takes effect immediately.


ELISEA G. GOZUN
Secretary

Let's Go Green!

**A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR GOOD
ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE**

**Adopted by the
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Republic of the Philippine**

Recognizing that:

Our lands, mountains, forests, minerals, waters, and life forms are essential in that they support, sustain, and shape our existence,

*Our natural resources help define who we are as a nation our nation.
They project and communicate to the world the uniqueness of our country and people.*

Our people depend on trees, rivers, fields, plants, oceans, and rocks just as much as they depend on their families, traditions, and sense of spirituality,

A nation's strength is measured by its capacity to bequeath to future generations the presence of healthy surroundings where they may grow and develop to the fullest their potentials as responsible human beings; and

The environment of the Philippine Republic is valuable and must be governed with a deep sense of accountability to Filipinos now and in the future whose well-being and development are entwined with our country's natural resources, and to the global community which benefits from our nation's environment,

I commit to abide by this Code of Conduct of Good Environmental Governance:

- *I will perform my duties with an awareness that I must develop, protect, and judiciously utilize the natural wealth of my nation for the public good;*
- *I will discharge the duties of my position with the highest degree of integrity;*
- *I will seek to characterized my work with efficiency, urgency, professional competence, and transparency in keeping with my designation as personnel of the nation's primary environmental and natural resources protection agency;*
- *I will provide equal-opportunity service;*
- *I will hold myself personally and solely accountable to the Filipino people for all my actions, in line with the ethics of professionalism, policies of organizational discipline, and the laws and regulations of the Philippines, the Philippine civil Service Code, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources;*
- *I will lead a simple but respectable personal life, as befits a public steward of our nation's environmental resources;*
- *I will ensure that due diligence is taken before any decisions or actions are made or implemented that will concern either directly or indirectly present and future Filipinos, their heritage, and the natural resources they rely upon,*
- *I will pursue only the highest justice, most beneficial and least cost to the greatest number of our people;*
- *I will treat work colleagues, stakeholders and other community members with respect, valuing their views and decisions and involving them in the protection of the environment; and*
- *I will lead by example in actively pursuing a sustained and systematic Environmental Governance of the country.*

TO MANIFEST my commitment to this Code, and my intent to observe it in all my official acts, I hereby affix my signature below with no reservation of any kind, or hesitation to execute the tenets stipulated herein.

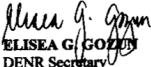
This shall be my covenant and contractual obligation to my people, to the Department, and to the Republic of the Philippines.

Name

Designation

Date

Accepted:


ELISEA G. GOZON
DENR Secretary

July 9, 2003
Date