

2019 National Search for Sustainable and Eco-friendly Schools and National Eco-Savers Program & Materials Recovery Facility Financial Assistance

Hotel Kimberly Manila – September 30, 2019

The 2019 Regional Search for Sustainable and Eco-friendly Schools, and National Eco-Savers Program and Materials Recovery Facility Financial Assistance Awarding Ceremony took place at Hotel Kimberly Manila, Pedro Gil St., Ermita, Manila last September 30, 2019 led by the Environmental Education and Information Section (EEIS) and Ecological Solid Waste Management Section (ESWM).

To aid Local Government Units and schools establish an efficient Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and effective solid waste management support system and to assist them reduce solid waste generation and disposal through an intensive Information Drive and Education campaign, efficient solid waste management and composting, EMB CALABARZON awarded financial assistance to different LGUs as well as schools within the Region.

This year, Eight (8) schools were awarded Twenty Five Thousand Pesos (P25,000) each thru the *National Eco-Savers Program* namely: San Roque Elementary School, Likha Molino IV Elementary School, Lalakay Elementary School, Sta. Maria - San Pedro Elementary School, Marcos Catibog Elementary School, Talaga Elementary School, Catanauan National High School and Sampaloc Bugon Elementary School.

Meanwhile, Fourteen (14) LGUs from CALABARZON Region received *MRF Financial Assistance* amounting to Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Pesos (P475,000) each. The said LGUs are the following: Carmona, Cavite; Santa Cruz, Laguna; Kalayaan, Laguna; Biñan, Laguna; Rizal, Laguna; Liliw, Laguna; San Pablo, Laguna; Majayjay, Laguna; Teresa, Rizal; San Mateo, Rizal; Atimonan, Quezon; Mauban, Quezon; Jomalig, Quezon; and Sampaloc, Quezon.

During the said event, the overall regional winners for the 2019 National Search for Sustainable and Eco-friendly Schools also presented their best practices in environmental management to encourage schools and LGUs to do the same and adopt their practices. The overall regional winners are Bukal Sur Elementary School, Alabat Island National High School and Batangas State University for elementary, high school and college level respectively. Special awards were also given to the following schools both for Energy Leadership Award and Nestle Water Leadership Award namely: San Isidro Elementary School, Talumpok Integrated School, and Batangas State University. Several schools have participated and has likewise received apt acknowledgement for their efforts to champion environmental preservation and inculcate environmental awareness in their identified grounds through the National Search for Sustainable and Eco-friendly Schools. The said search aims to encourage schools/academic institutions to become more actively involved in environmental issues at a practical and local level.



(left) Regional Director Noemie A. Paranada share inspirational words to our awardees and guests (right) all ears on RD.



(left) Hands up! Everyone participated in some ice breaker before the awarding. (right) Solid Waste Management OIC Ms. Corazon Gasapos gave update on the 2018 Solid Wasted Generated by Calabarzon



MOA Signing between EMB and the recipient LGUs



Dir. Noemi A. Paranada with the 2019 Regional Winners of Search for Sustainable and Eco-friendly Schools