

EMB Calabarzon capacitates CENRO Sta Cruz personnel

The Environmental Management Bureau in region IV-A (Calabarzon) conducted capacity building training aimed to equip and capacitate City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) in Sta Cruz, Laguna.

The project, said EMB-Calabarzon Regional Director Noemi Paranada, is part of the Bureau's wide range of knowledge dissemination at the to enable CENROs on the subject of environmental protection at the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office in Sta. Cruz, Laguna on Feb 22.

According to EMB Calabarzon Regional Director Noemi A. Paranada, the training is aimed to equip and capacitate CENRO Sta. Cruz personnel on Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) implementing laws and policies, anchored with the top priority programs.

"As the lead stewards for the preservation and protection of outstanding natural resources; forest, watersheds, tree parks, mangroves, greenbelts and other similar forest development project, the training is not just aimed to hone their skills and competence but all must be adept with the current policies and laws under their watch," said EMB Calabarzon RD Paranada.

The one-day training, with EMB 4A Senior Environmental Management Specialist of the Provincial Environment Management Unit Laguna (PEMU-Laguna) Severina Verna P. Oandasan at the helm, included a lecture on RA 9003 (Ecological Solid Waste Management Act), RA 8749 (Clean Air Act) and RA 9275 (Water Act).

RA 9003 (Ecological Solid Waste Management Act) is an Act providing for an Ecological Solid Waste Management Program, putting in place the necessary Institutional Mechanisms and Incentives, prohibited Acts and providing Penalties, appropriating funds therefore, and for other purposes.

On the other hand, RA 8749 (Clean Air Act) is an act that establishes government standards for mobile sources of air pollution and their fuels and for sources of 187 hazardous air pollutants, and it establishes a cap-and-trade program for the emissions that cause acid rain. It institutionalizes a comprehensive permit system for all major sources of air pollution.

While RA 9275 (Water Act), is an act that aims to protect the country's water bodies from pollution from land-based sources (industries and commercial establishments, agriculture and community/household activities).