

## **National Zero Waste Month 2021**

### **Segregating at Source, Key to Zero Waste Lifestyle**

The Environmental Management Bureau in Region IV-A, headed by Regional Director Noemi A. Paranada, commemorated the National Zero Waste Month this year via a webinar entitled "Segregating at Source, a key to Zero Waste Lifestyle" in January 29.

Spearheaded by EMB Calabarzon's Environmental Education and Information Section (EEIS) and done in partnership with Solid Waste Management Division (SWMD), the webinar was aimed to promote environmental awareness and action among Filipinos and establish public participation in comprehensive and ecological waste management program.

According to RD Paranada, the webinar "will help guide the public in changing their lifestyles and practices towards sustainable systems in an ethical, economical, and efficient way, and to ensure that wastes become valuable for other uses."

She adds that this involves systematically designing and managing products and processes to lessen the volume of waste produces, to eliminate toxicity in resulting waste and to conserve and recover resources.

The attendees, composed of students, teachers, local government units (LGUs) and private employees were given a lecture by Engr. Mark Kevin Fungo – from the Solid Waste Management Section of EMB 4A, on the Salient Provisions of RA 9003 (or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000).

To check on the effectivity of the seminar, a mini quiz was conducted after the webinar where the top ten (10) participants were given EMBR4A IEC materials.

The webinar lecture was published via podcast, aimed to keep the public updated with environmental event and to give public a new perspective on practicing a Zero Waste lifestyle.