



September 26, 2022 is the celebration of World Environmental Health Day. Environmental Health plays a pivotal role in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity now and in the future.

The 17 SDGs are integrated - they recognize that action in one area will affect outcomes in others, and that development must balance social, economic, and environmental sustainability, all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.

In line with Presidential Proclamation 595, Series of 2018 declaring every September 26 as the World Environmental Health Day (WEHD) in the Philippines, the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) lead the observance of WEHD nationwide for us to work together to protect environmental health. People must practice solid waste management, proper water and sanitation and hygiene, and other environmental good practices to strengthen the resilience of societies.

Safeguarding environmental health necessitates a whole-of-government, whole-of-society approach in strengthening environmental health systems for the implementation of the SDGs.

Many activities are taking place around the Globe in connection to this big event. Let us be part of the solution to improve Environmental Health. ###