



## CALABARZON CONDUCTS 1<sup>ST</sup> REGIONAL BRIEFING CONFERENCE

**T**he first Regional Briefing Conference for the newly designated Regional Executive Director of CALABARZON was conducted at the Cherry Blossoms Hotel last 9 July 2008.

Highlights of this one-day activity focus on the mid year-accomplishment, issues and concerns of different sectors and field offices. The first division that presents the region's profile and status of accomplishments as of June 30 was the Planning and Management Division. Majority of the target activities for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter were completely accomplished by the different sectors and filed offices except for the Province of Cavite for the late submission of their report. Line bureau directors, RD Mike Fernandez of Mines and Geo-sciences Bureau and RD Allan Leuterio of Environmental Management Bureau, presented their respective profile and status of their accomplishments including some issues and concerns of the two bureaus.



Provincial offices headed by their respective Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officers presents to the newly designated Regional Executive Director their respective profile and several issues and concerns. PENRO of Batangas, Maximo Soriano, was the first that

presents the current situation of his area of jurisdiction followed by PENRO Isidro Mercado from Laguna. Next in line was PENRO Hermie Jocson of Quezon province followed by PENRO Paterno Olivera and PENRO Hurley Salig of Rizal and Cavite provinces, respectively.

Regional Technical Directors also present to the Regional Executive Director the status of their respective sectors. RTD Manuel Escasura of Forest Management Sewrvice discussed in details the present status of Philippine forest including the activities/programs that falls under forestry sector based on PD 705. RTD of Land Management Service, Romeo Versoza, explains in detail the target under CARP activities including the PRS '92. Status of accomplishments of the Protected Area, Wildlife and Coastal Zone Management Service was presented by RTD Arnulfo Hernandez. Status of accomplishments and some vital on-going studies on the carrying capacity of some biodiversity sites and protected areas undertaken by the Ecosystems Research and Development Service was presented by Ms. Adelina Cortiguerra.



After all sectors and filed offices have reported their respective accomplishments, issues and concerns, priority programs and projects, the newly designated Regional Executive Director devoted his time by setting the operational direction he wanted for the office. He gave emphasis on the priority program of the Secretary particularly in coming up with strategies that will finally solve high profile conflict cases in the region. He also wanted for effective and strong linkages with the media, strong partnership with different LGUs and stakeholders and some legislators that might be of big help particularly on funding some of the DENR activities/projects. He also seeks for the improvement and fully operationalization of the satellite office in Calamba City.

This Regional Conference is just the beginning of RED Tamera's steering of the helm for CALABARZON for a long sail ahead towards the goal of accomplishing goals and overcoming challenges and other perennial issues that constantly crop up with the high hopes and a brave heart. Teamed with dedicated and hardworking PENRO and CENROs and their respective staff, RTD's, Division Heads and regional staff, it is his vision to achieve.

