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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – CARAGA REGION**

Caraga State University, Ampayon, Butuan City

Dear Dr. Casquejo:

The Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), in cooperation with the Commission on Higher Education, the Department of Education and private sector partners will conduct the **2017 National Search for Sustainable and Eco-Friendly Schools.**

The search which is open to elementary, secondary, and tertiary nationwide aims (1) to encourage schools/academic institutions to become more actively involved in environmental issues at a practical and local level; and (2) to develop skills and understanding among the students, faculty and school administrators in initiating active responses and increasing community awareness and participation on environmental concerns.

The promotion of this search for the establishment and/or strengthening of sustainable and eco-friendly schools in the country had been enshrined as a priority in the ASEAN Environmental Education Action Plan for Sustainable Development 2014-2018, and likewise in the Road Map for the Implementation of Republic Act No. 9512 also known as the National Environmental Awareness and Education Act of 2008.

In relation to this, we would like to request the assistance of your office in disseminating the attached promotional poster, mechanics, timeline, entry form and issuance of CHED Regional Memorandum urging the various public and private colleges and universities in your region to join the aforementioned.

We look forward to your favorable response on this matter. Should you have any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact:

**The National Program Secretariat**

2017 National Search for Sustainable and Eco-Friendly Schools

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Thank you very much.

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