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Welcome Message

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) fully supports the goals of the Regional Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) Forum in Asia, as reflected in its 16th theme, "*Sustainable Urban Mobility Solutions – Empowering Cities towards Low Carbon Pathways for Achieving Co-benefits and Economic Resilience in the SDGs Era.*" Recognizing the transport sector's dual role as both a contributor to greenhouse gas emissions and a driver of decarbonization, the DPWH emphasizes the importance of policy reforms, sustainable investments, technological advancements, and behavioral transformations to achieve these goals.

As the primary agency responsible for the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of the nation's roads and bridges, we recognize the critical role of sustainable and resilient infrastructure in addressing the challenges of climate change and environmental degradation. It is our mandate to ensure that our projects not only support economic growth but also contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, enhance disaster resilience, and protect the environment for future generations.

Aligned with the principles of environmentally sustainable transport, the DPWH continues to implement green engineering practices and climate-resilient designs in our infrastructure projects. We are integrating features such as permeable pavements, energy-efficient lighting, and provisions for active transport modes, such as walking and cycling, to create more inclusive and environmentally conscious road networks. Our commitment extends beyond construction; we actively engage with stakeholders, pursue partnerships, and advocate for policies that promote sustainability and resilience in the transport sector.

Through this forum, we reaffirm our support for regional collaboration and knowledge-sharing to achieve sustainable transport solutions. By transforming the nation's infrastructure arm into a model of sustainability and resilience, the DPWH aspires to set benchmarks for development that harmonize economic progress with environmental stewardship, contributing meaningfully to the global agenda for sustainable development.


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