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FORMAL LAUNCHING OF THE NATIONAL EST STRATEGY

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MY CORDIAL GREETINGS TO THE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRIVATE STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT IN TODAY'S FORMAL LAUNCHING OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT (EST) STRATEGY FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (DOTC), AS THE PRIMARY GOVERNMENT AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROMOTION OF AN EFFICIENT, SAFE, SECURE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AND RECOGNIZING THAT THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR IS ONE OF THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS OF CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS, HAS REORIENTED ITS POLICIES TOWARDS THE OPERATION OF EFFICIENT AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT CONVEYANCES.

THE STRATEGIES FORMULATED IN THE NEST, WHICH AIM TO REDUCE THE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND THE EMISSION OF ASSOCIATED GREEN HOUSE GAS (GHG) FROM THE TRANSPORT SECTOR IS A TIMELY ACTIVITY. THE DOTC WILL HENCEFORTH PROVIDE MECHANISM TO MAINSTREAM THE EST STRATEGIES. WE HAVE NOTED THAT THE STRATEGIES ALSO MADE REFERENCE TO THE AICHI STATEMENT OF 2005, THAT DEFINED THE TWELVE THEMATIC AREAS THAT INCLUDED PUBLIC HEALTH; STRENGTHENING ROADSIDE AIR QUALITY MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT; TRAFFIC NOISE MANAGEMENT; VEHICLE EMISSION CONTROL, STANDARDS, AND INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE; CLEANER FUELS; PUBLIC TRANSPORT PLANNING AND TRAVEL DEMAND MANAGEMENT; NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORT; ENVIRONMENT AND PEOPLE FRIENDLY INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT; SOCIAL EQUITY AND GENDER PERSPECTIVES; ROAD SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE; KNOWLEDGE BASE, AWARENESS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION; AND LAND USE PLANNING. INDEED, THE EFFORTS EXTENDED BY THE WORK FORCE BEHIND THE EST STRATEGIES FORMULATION WILL BENEFIT NOT ONLY THE FILIPINOS BUT THE GLOBAL POPULATION.

CONGRATULATIONS AND MY BEST WISHES TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE WORKED TO EVOLVE THIS A WORTHY ENDEAVOR AND TO THE ORGANIZERS FOR MAKING SURE THAT THE EST STRATEGIES ARE LAUNCHED SUCCESSFULLY FOR EVERY CITIZEN TO BE ABREAST OF THE IMPLICATIONS AND THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE.

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