



Republic of the Philippines
(Republic Act No. 7611)

PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STAFF

Excerpts from the Minutes of the 245th PCSD Regular Meeting
held at Governor's Conference Room
2nd Floor, Provincial Capitol Bldg.
Puerto Princesa City
July 25, 2018

Present:

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| 1. Vice Gov. Victorino Dennis M. Socrates, Sangguniang Panlalawigan | Vice Chair |
| 2. Dir. Nelson P. Devanadera, Executive Director, PCSDS | Secretary |
| 3. Usec. Rodolfo Garcia, Undersecretary, Chief of Staff, DENR | Member |
| 4. Hon. Lucena D. Demaala, Pres., League of Municipalities | Member |
| 5. Atty. Jansen Jontila, NGO Representative | Member |
| 6. LTGEN Rozzano D. Briguez, Commander, WESCOM | Member |
| 7. Hon. Dennis M. Sabando, President, Liga ng mga Barangay | Member |

Represented:

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| 8. DDG Adoracion M. Navarro, Deputy Director General, NEDA
Represented by Mr. Bernardino Atienza, Jr. | Member |
| 9. Usec. Ariel T. Cayanan, Undersecretary, DA
Represented by Dir. Antonio Gerundio | Member |

Absent:

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| 10. Gov. Jose Ch. Alvarez, Provincial Governor, | Chair |
| 11. Hon. Lucilo R. Bayron, Mayor, Puerto Princesa City | Member |
| 12. Mr. Bobby Castro, Private Sector Representative | Member |

PCSD RESOLUTION NO. 18-640

“APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) ENTERED INTO ON 07 OCTOBER 2015 FOR SISTERHOOD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JEJU BIOSPHERE RESERVE THROUGH THE JEJU SPECIAL SELF-GOVERNING PROVINCE AND PALAWAN BIOSPHERE RESERVE THROUGH THE PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT UP TO 07 OCTOBER 2021, AND AUTHORIZING THE PCSD CHAIR, JOSE CH. ALVAREZ, TO SIGN THE SAME”

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7611, otherwise known as the Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for Palawan Act took effect on June 19, 1992, Section 6 of which provides that the SEP shall serve as the framework to guide the government agencies concerned in the

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Mission: PCSDS as the driver of environmental conservation and inclusive development in Palawan, a biosphere reserve and science-for-sustainability site, guided by the Strategic Environmental Plan

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formulation of plans, programs and projects affecting the environment and natural resources of Palawan pursuant to the declared policy of the State to protect, develop and conserve its natural resources towards which, it shall assist and support the implementation of the plans, programs and projects formulated to preserve and enhance the environment, and at the same time pursue the socio-economic goals of the country;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of this same law provides that the governance, implementation and policy direction of the SEP shall be exercised by the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) backed up by the PCSD Staff (PCSDS) for the professional and technical support while providing the coordination mechanisms for PCSD's policy and function and implementation of programs through the involvement of all sectors of society in natural resource management, conservation and protection;

WHEREAS, Section 19 also of the same law empowers the PCSD, among others, to formulate plans and policies as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and to arrange, negotiate for, accept donations from domestic and foreign sources to carry out the activities and purposes of the SEP;

WHEREAS, since Palawan's inscription in 1990 as a Biosphere Reserve (BR), the PCSD has been serving as the on-site management authority, ensuring that Palawan continuously serves as a model BR in the country and the global network of biosphere reserves under UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB) through effective sharing of good management practices with other BRs;

WHEREAS, on 7 October 2015, the Palawan BR through the PCSD entered into a 3-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Jeju Biosphere Reserve through the Jeju Special Self-Governing Province to establish a sisterhood relationship in various areas of cooperation pursuant to the vision and mission of the MAB Programme, and the World Network of Island and Coastal Biosphere Reserves;

WHEREAS, this MOU for sisterhood relationship will expire this 07 October 2018;

WHEREAS, owing to the mutual benefits derived by both parties from the said MOU, as demonstrated in various instances, the parties have mutually expressed their desires to extend the established sisterhood relationship for another three years or until 07 October 2021;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and on motion duly seconded, the Council resolves to approve, as it is hereby **RESOLVED** approving the extension of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) entered into on 07 October 2015 for sisterhood relationship between the Jeju Biosphere Reserve through the Jeju Special Self-Governing Province and the Palawan Biosphere Reserve through the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development up to 07 October 2021;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the PCSD Chair, Jose Ch. Alvarez, be authorized as he is hereby authorized to sign the said extension of the MOU for and on behalf of the PCSD;

RESOLVED FINALLY; that copy of this resolution be furnished the Jeju Biosphere Reserve through the Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, the UNESCO National Commission, and other agencies and parties in Palawan for their information and reference;

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of July 2018 at Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.

I hereby certify that the above-quoted resolution has been duly adopted by the PCSD on the 25th day of July 2018 at Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.


NELSON P. DEVANADERA
Secretary

ATTESTED BY:



VICTORINO DENNIS M. SOCRATES
Presiding Officer, Vice-Chair