



DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
KAGAWARAN NG UGNAYANG PANLABAS

OFFICE OF UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

EXTREMELY URGENT

23 December 2020

Sir:

Attached, for the information and appropriate action of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, is the UNESCO Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme Circular Letter CL/MAB/2020/2 inviting the Philippines to submit one case study for the 2021 Michel Batisse Award for Biosphere Reserve Management.

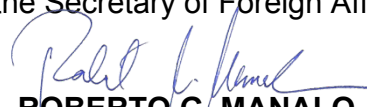
The prize, awarded every two years in honor of Dr. Michel Batisse for excellence in the management of biosphere reserves in line with the recommendations of the Seville Strategy, grants USD 12,000 (twelve thousand US dollars) to the winner. More information on the Michel Batisse Award for Biosphere Reserve Management is provided at <https://en.unesco.org/mab/awards#michel-batisse>, including the application form: https://en.unesco.org/sites/default/files/form_2021_eng.pdf.

The Department strongly recommends the submission of one case study from the Philippines, and views this as a great opportunity to empower local governments and communities in the forefront of biosphere reserve management and share their initiatives. While there are notable achievements of the country on this matter, the Award will only consider completed work accomplished within a Biosphere Reserve in the World Network.

In this regard, your office is requested to recommend a case study for consideration, and together with the UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines (UNACOM) and the Department of Science and Technology, chose the PH entry. The accomplished application form of the chosen PH entry should be submitted by UNACOM to the MAB Secretariat (mab@unesco.org) copy furnished dl.philippines@unesco-delegations.org, parispe.unesco@dfa.gov.ph, and unio.div2@dfa.gov.ph before 31 January 2021.

With my best regards.

Very truly yours,
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