



ECAC Aides St. Scholastica's College on Environmental Compliance

As part of the DENR-Environmental Management Bureau's continuous efforts to improve Philippine industries' environmental compliance, its arm, the Environmental Compliance Assistance Center extends its assistance to the educational sector.

Last July 12, 2016, the St. Scholastica's College of Manila visited the ECAC with the objective of familiarizing with the technical details of environmental compliance. "We know that we needed to comply with environmental laws, rules, and regulations but we don't know where to start," Sr. M. Roselita Geronimo, OSB said. Along with Ms. Mary Anne Bomles and Ms. Edna Zablan, they shared their difficulties in the lack of awareness when it comes to environmental compliance.

The Head of ECAC, Ms. Grace Madelar, moderated the discussion, starting with the basic run down of existing environmental policies. The core of environmental compliance is arming an institution or industry with technical knowledge of the laws, therefore, ECAC always reiterates the importance of having a Pollution Control Officer. Not only it is mandatory, but having one already gives them a head start with their compliance. Also discussed are PCO requirements and their roles. Learning materials such as Self-Monitoring Report sample, ECAC brochures, and pamphlets were also distributed.

The discussion also included a possibility of ECAC tying up with other St. Scholastica Colleges and down the line, other universities as well that need technical assistance regarding their environmental compliance.

The assistance ECAC offers is not limited to LGUs and MSMEs but to other sectors as well. The aim of our office is to improve various industries' environmental compliance in accordance to the Philippines' environmental laws, rules, and regulations.

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