

PMDC HOSTS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR THE NATIONAL ADVOCACY LAUNCH FOR RESPONSIBLE MINING

The Advocacy Committee of the Philippine Mining Development Corporation (PMDC) Management in partnership with the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) hosted the organizational meeting for the launching of the National Advocacy on Responsible Mining last June 22, 2017, 2:00PM at the 12th Flr., Development Bank of the Philippines in Makati City.

As the government's mining arm, PMDC's hosting of the organizational meeting is an initial step as it endeavors to build strategic alliance and partnership with key industry players in promoting environmentally and socially responsible mineral development and sustainable development in the host mining communities.

The organizational meeting was well-attended with the active participation of the representatives coming from relevant government agencies such as the DENR and MGB, Embassies of Canada and Australia, and prominent players from the mining sector.

PMDC also sees the active participation of the Foreign Chambers (Canadian, Australian, Nordic, European and American) and Chamber of Mines of the Philippines as a positive indication of their strong support to the national advocacy on responsible mining given their technical expertise, financial connections and resources in ensuring that responsible mineral development translates to more economic opportunities and sustainable income to the Indigenous Peoples (IPs) and stakeholders in the host communities.

Meanwhile, the Keynote Address of DENR Undersecretary and Concurrent Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Director Mario Luis J. Jacinto during the meeting provided and highlighted the overall framework of the National Advocacy on Responsible Mining, which will be initiated by PMDC in partnership with the DENR, MGB, foreign and local chambers, League of Provinces and Municipalities, and the mining sector.

The national advocacy launch for responsible mining is tentatively scheduled this July in Malacañang with President Rodrigo R. Duterte as Keynote Speaker.