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MESSAGE

Our country takes great pride in hosting the Third Global Congress of Women in Politics and Governance on October 19-22, 2008 at the Dusit Thani Hotel in Makati City.

With its theme – Gender in Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction – this Congress gives the limelight not just to women in general, but more specifically to their indispensable roles in enabling humanity to cope with disasters.

No less than the United Nations supports the expanded roles that women are assuming not just in their immediate communities but also in national, regional and global events, particularly in politics, governance and environmental concerns. Thus, this Congress enjoys the sponsorships of the UN Fund for Women, the UN Development Program, the UN Environment Program, and the UN International Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction, as well as those of the Women's Environment and Development Organization, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Asian Development Bank, and the Center for Asia-Pacific Women in Politics.

This Congress perfectly mirrors the top priority that the DENR has stamped on climate change and on the social mobilization of women as a force in environmental management.

It is therefore with great enthusiasm that we welcome the participants to the Third Global Congress of Women in Politics and Governance. Let us join hands with them in making our world greener, safer and healthier for us all.

Mabuhay!


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Secretary

Let's Go Green!