

### “TREES OF NGP WHERE ART THOU”

Where are the trees planted under the National Greening Program (NGP)? Is the greening movement of the government true and realistic? These are the hard questions that DENR is confronting from the politicians, media and the general public on a daily basis.



In a surprised visit to Cotabato Province on January 13, 2019 of DENR Undersecretary for Enforcement and Muslim Affairs Jim O Sampulna, it was proven that, not only trees were planted but lush and verdant forest plantation were indeed established under the flagship program of the agency located in the Municipality of Magpet, Cotabato.

The first area inspected by the good Undersecretary was at Barangay Noa, Magpet. The man-made forest was established by Noa ISF Fanners Association headed by its People Organization Chairperson Patcrno D. Bansag. It was contracted with the DENR Cotabato in Year 2016, covering a total area of 150 hectares and planted with falcata.

The second area was located in Barangay Bagumbayan, Magpet an identified ELCAC community. The plantation forest was established by Bagumbayan Sustainable Livelihood Program Association headed by its chairperson Joel Ogario. It was contracted with the DENR Cotabato in Year 2016 covering a total area of 100 hectares and planted with rubber and falcata.



Barangay Noa and Barangay Bagumbayan of Magpet, Cotabato are considered as ecologically and economically change communities, thus the presence of DENR's project would greatly boost the status of the said localities.



Accompanying with Usec Jim O. Sampulna in the inspection were officials of DENR Cotabato headed by PENR Officer Mainatur D. Cariga, OIC-CENR Officer Calil Bantuas of CENRO Matalam, OIC-CENR Officer Badjury Mustapha of CENRO Midsayap, Technical Services Division Chief Dr Cesar A Guevarra, NGP Field Coordinators and Staff (Prepared by James S. Cornelio. Provincial NGP Coordinator - DENR Cotabato) Attached with Pictures and Audio/Video Presentation.

