

TWO LOOK-OUT TOWERS TO FORTIFY FOREST PROTECTION IN COTABATO PROVINCE: DENR

(Kidapawan City) Occurrence of forest fires last year due to El Nino Phenomenon and incidence of illegal logging activities forced DENR Cotabato to construct two (2) look-out towers in the forestland of the province.

With a funding of Php 600,000.00, these two look-out towers will be constructed at Guiling, Alamada and Imamaling, Magpet. To effectively operate these infrastructures, a memorandum of agreement will be forged among the stakeholders such as the LGUs of Magpet and Alamada, the Philippine Army and Philippine National Police stationed in both municipalities.

The DENR under the leadership of PENRO Mamerto V. Cardenas, Jr. is looking forward that with the completion of these towers, occurrence of forest fire will be reported immediately and hence appropriate action will be enforced immediately. The office has also recently purchased firefighting tools and equipment to bolster its firefighting capabilities. **(ERS)**

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