

## PENR Officer Mamerto V. Cardenas Jr. bid farewell to DENR family

Mamerto V. Cardenas Jr. has retired from the government service as OIC-PENR Officer of Cotabato Province after 42 years of dedication in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). PENRO Cardenas was afforded a special recognition on his great achievements as government servant in a ceremony conducted at Elai Resort, Kidapawan City. Celebrating a long service is a good send-off to the retiree and



among the enjoyable moment yet wistful event in the agency. It was a great pleasure for the DENR-Cotabato to honour For. Mamerto V. Cardenas Jr. for such a long years of service with the DENR.

Forester Cardenas a native of Pangasinan, attended Central Mindanao University (CMU) in Bukidnon for his Forestry study and Notre Dame of Marbel University (NDMU) in Koronadal for his Masteral study. He entered the government service as Forester I in the year

1976 under the Bureau of Forest Development (BFD) Region XI. After working with the Bureau for fifteen (15) years he moved to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Office XII, CENRO Kiamba as Forester III in the year 1991. He was promoted several times until he reached the position of being CENR Officer of CENRO Matalam, Cotabato in the year 2016 and promoted as OIC-PENR Officer of DENR-PENRO Cotabato XII-4 in the year 2017.

During a special ceremony, officials of DENR-XII, former retirees of DENR-PENRO Cotabato, friends, colleagues and family member, thanked the celebrant in person for his dedication, the memories he had with them and looked back together at the years gone by. Assistant Regional Director Hadja Didaw Piang Brahim took the opportunity to honour the faithful service of the retiree. She emphasised in particular





that it was only the commitment of the retiree and all employees that had enabled DENR-PENRO Cotabato grow from its beginnings as to the renowned agency it is today.

Other DENR retirees who were present during the said occasion praised the celebrant, noting that "your ideas and your work made an important contribution to the success of the agency". "The experience that you have accumulated over the past 42 years is of great value to DENR.

The DENR-PENRO Cotabato family conveyed their best wishes to the celebrant and thanked each of those present once more in person. "You will be needed and we look forward to continuing our close cooperation on a strong basis of trust." The colleagues at PENRO Cotabato had to bid farewell to For. Cardenas of whom entered well-earned retirement after many years of service. Friends and brothers from the organization (Beta Sigma) thanked him explicitly for his dedication and achievements in all areas of his leadership.

"It is with mixed feelings that we bid you farewell. As you come to the end of your long career, we are happy that you will now have more time to devote to yourself, your family and your interests.



However, your departure means that DENR-PENRO Cotabato is not only losing valued and reliable colleague leader, but also expertise, skills, and experience," said by employees of DENR-PENRO Cotabato. The management and the entire PENRO Cotabato team wished the retiree all the best for the next phase of his life "and for every success that lies ahead of him".