



JIM O. SAMPULNA, PhD, CESO I Acting Secretary

DENR OIC Secretary Jim Oliveros Sampulna is a homegrown career executive of the DENR who truly rose from the ranks. He started out with the then Bureau of Forest Development in 1977 at the age of 20 as a tree marker based in Cotabato City. Less than two years later, after graduating as a government scholar from the Notre Dame University with a B.S. degree in Commerce, he was promoted to budget examiner.

His next steps up were to Chief Regional Development Specialist of DENR-12 (1988); Planning Officer V (1989); PENRO (1996); Director III (2001); Regional Technical Director - Lands (2003); Director IV (2004); Regional Executive Director (2009); Regional Director (2013); OIC Assistant Secretary for Field Operations – Western Mindanao (January 2019); Undersecretary for Enforcement and Special Projects (October 2019); Undersecretary for Enforcement and Muslim Affairs (November 2019); Undersecretary for Field Operations, Enforcement and Muslim Affairs (February 2020); Undersecretary for Enforcement, Mining and Muslim Affairs (September 2020); Undersecretary for Mining and Muslim Affairs (May 2021); and Undersecretary for Mining, Muslim Affairs and Attached Agencies (October 2021). His field assignments saw him based in various regions, from Regions 11, 12, 13 in Mindanao, to Region 1 in Luzon and Region 6 in the Visayas.

He added to his academic credentials on his way up: a Bachelor of Laws degree from the Notre Dame University (1983); a Master's degree in Professional Studies (major in Public Affairs Management) from the University of Southern Mindanao (1994); an M.S degree in Business Administration from Agusan Colleges in 2002; and a Ph.D degree in Management (major in Human Resources Development) from the University of the Visayas (2012). He also earned the rank of Career Executive Service Officer I, the highest CESO level, in 2021.

With his wealth of experience and the productive rapport he has nurtured with the rank-and-file throughout the DENR across four decades, he richly deserves being designated as Officer-in-Charge of the DENR effective February 17, 2022.

He is married to Agnes Makilala Duruin who is a registered nurse and a former regional director of the Commission on Population, Region XI, Davao City. Their union is blessed with four accomplished children.

