



## MESSAGE

In celebration of **Mother's Day** in the Philippines, the Climate Change Commission pays tribute to all Filipino mothers for braving the challenges of motherhood amid the climate and public health emergency.

Our mothers are paragons of courage, strength, and resilience. As we honor all of them today, we also invite the Filipino nation to reflect on how we have regarded our Mother Earth.

Just like the women who brought us to life and reared us, Mother Earth has shown enormous patience and resilience, enduring centuries of our unrelenting pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, and other unsustainable practices. However, her health is failing as her tipping points along with the pandemic are now showing, a clear wake-up call to all.

Moving forward, let us show more our love and care for Mother Earth. Let us protect our forests, our watersheds, our wildlife, our environment for sustainable development. Let us live in harmony with nature and ensure a healthier, greener and safer future for all Filipinos.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Emmanuel M. de Guzman".

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