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PRESIDENTIAL COMPLAINT CENTER
Malacañang, Manila

09 February 2022

Dir. RONNIE D. DOMINGO, DVM, MSC

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Sir:

Respectfully forwarding the attached e-mail dated 01 February 2022, addressed to **PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE** for appropriate action, consistent with existing laws, rules and regulations on the matter, from **LEX** <campaigns@ladyfreethinker.org>, relative to issues and concerns which, as stated therein, may be best coordinated/addressed by that Office.

A reply direct to the party/ies concerned, copy furnished the Center, citing **PCC Code No. PM-GDP-02-09-2022-066**, will be highly appreciated. Expeditious action is requested in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 11032, otherwise known as the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018 as implemented and enforced by the **Anti-Red Tape Authority**. Please be reminded that failure to timely respond to the public's concern shall be ground for administrative sanctions under existing laws and regulations.

Our cordial regards.

Very truly yours,

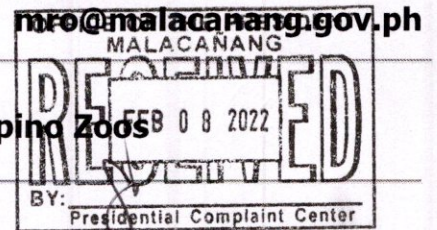
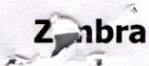

JAI ME LLAGUNO MABILIN
Director IV

Encl.:a/s
Cc: party/ies concerned
/gdp
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MEDIA INQUIRY: Atrocious conditions for animals at 5 Filipino Zoos

From : campaigns ladyfreethinker.org
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Tue, Feb 01, 2022 07:32 AM

Subject : MEDIA INQUIRY: Atrocious conditions for animals at 5 Filipino Zoos

To : mro@malacanang.gov.ph



Dear Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte:

My name is Lex, and I am a reporter with US media organization Lady Freethinker. I hope this finds you well.

I am reaching out today because we recently released investigative findings about concerning conditions for animals at five zoos in the Philippines, which included big cats kept chained and used as photo props, as well as malnourished animals and filthy conditions.

I am reaching out to you specifically because of the caring and diligence you showed when similar conditions were reported at Manila Zoo several years ago. Thank you for taking animal cruelty seriously and doing all that you can to make sure that the Philippines does not tolerate atrocious conditions for animals. We hope that you will once again use your kind and wise authority to help these suffering animals.

You can view the reports and documented conditions at the following links:

- Our investigative landing page is here: <https://ladyfreethinker.org/lft-investigates-big-cat-selfies-at-philippines-zoos/>
- Our news report is here: <https://ladyfreethinker.org/lft-undercover-investigation-reveals-horrific-conditions-at-5-popular-philippines-zoos/>
- Our petition to improve conditions, which has now been signed by more than 40,000 people, is here: <https://ladyfreethinker.org/sign-justice-for-sick-and-starving-animals-forced-to-pose-for-selfies-at-5-horrific-philippines-zoos/>

I am hoping to hear from you by **Friday, Feb. 4**, but please let me know if that is not enough time.

Questions:

1. Can you please tell me whether you were aware of these conditions, whether you find them concerning, and if you have any authority to improve conditions for these animals?
2. Can you please let me know if you have offered any support to these facilities to improve conditions for animals?
3. It is not humane for multiple visitors to crowd around a chained tiger or for these facilities to be using wild animals as photo props; Forced human-animal interactions are unnatural and cause stress to animals. Are you concerned about this treatment? If so, are you willing to respectfully ask or require these facilities to end these inhumane and dangerous interactions?

Please add anything else that you would like our readers to know and thank you for caring about animals.

Lex

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