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Regional Executive Director
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Datu Tungko Saikol graduated from the Ateneo de Davao University with a degree in AB in Communication Arts, and received his Masters degree in Islamic Studies from the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City. He earned his Primary and Secondary Education from Kabuntalan Elementary School and Cotabato City State Polytechnic College Highschool, respectively.

Tong, as he is fondly called by friends and family, is an active member of the Rotary Club of Marbel, the Muslim Business Forum, and the Maguindanao Professional and Employees Association.

From 2001 onwards, Dir. Saikol has held various Director and Assistant Director Positions in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), particularly in Region 12, with a short

stint at the Central Office, and now at the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB). He was also the designated Deputy Minister of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)'s Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Energy (MENRE) from July 2019 up to September 2021.

Among his remarkable accomplishments in his various engagements, Dir. Saikol trail blazed the establishment of the BARMM's MENRE. He ensured the MENRE is staffed with capable and skilled individuals, and instituted policies and processes that are now benchmark for the implementation of MENRE's mandate.

As a government official, Dir. Saikol has represented the country in several international meetings. He effectively Chaired the 6th Meeting of ASEAN Task Force on Peatlands (ATFP) Meeting and 3rd Programme Steering Committee Meetings of ASEAN Peatland Programmes and Projects held on June 28-30, 2021.

He likewise attended various trainings and study programs related to environment and natural resources, in Korea, China, Japan, Singapore. He was part of the Exchange Study Programme for Muslim Scholars and Leaders of ASEAN, sponsored by the US State Department.

He had a short stint as Director of the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) , DENR Central Office and is now assigned as the Regional Executive Director of DENR, Region IX, Zamboanga Peninsula.