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**TO : PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : LOCAL GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL EXCHANGE AND COOPERATION REGIONAL CONVENTION**

The Philippines International Sisterhood and Twinning Association (PHISTA), Inc. will conduct a series of regional conventions on the following dates and venues:

Region	Venue	Date
Regions I, II, III and CAR	Hotel Stotsenberg Angeles City	March 27-28, 2008
Regions IV-A, IV-B and NCR	Hotel Stotsenberg Angeles City	April 3-4, 2008
Regions VI, VII, VIII	Waterfront Hotel Lahug, Cebu City	April 10-11, 2008
Regions IX, X, XI, CARAGA, and ARMM	Apo View Hotel Davao Ctiy	May 8-9, 2008

These regional undertakings aim at bringing to the fore opportunities for technical exchange and cooperation among local authorities and communities, in areas that are supportive of tourism and cultural promotion, education, information technology, environmental health and employment.

Likewise, the election of PHISTA Regional Officers for the current term will be held during this events.

In this connection, all Local Chief Executives, who are interested to know how town-twinning works or how to initiate partnerships and the potential benefits that twinning engenders, are encouraged to attend, or to send their representatives to, such conventions, on official business.

The payment of applicable traveling expenses and of the following:

- Registration Fee - PhP 6,000.00 (per participant);
- Institutional (LGU) Membership Fee – PhP 10,000.00 (new members only); and
- Annual dues for PHISTA members,
  - a. PhP 5,000.00 - Provinces and Highly Urbanized Cities,
  - b. PhP 4,000.00 - Independent Component and Component Cities,
  - c. PhP 3,000.00 – Municipalities, and
  - d. PhP 1,000.00 - Non-Government Organizations,

payable to PHISTA, maybe authorized chargeable against local funds in the case of local government units, subject to the availability thereof, to the usual accounting and auditing requirements and to all pertinent laws, rules and regulations.

The PHISTA, through its National President, shall submit to, through the Director of the Bureau of Local Government Supervision, this Department, the Secretary of Interior and Local Government, an After-Activity Report within fifteen (15) days after the above-mentioned undertakings.

For other details, inquiries may be directed to the PHISTA Secretariat, c/o Ms. Diana M. Baldonado through Telephone Nos. (02) 928-9181 and 925-1151, and Mobile Phone No. 0918-9446598.

For the information of all concerned.

By Authority of the Secretary:

  
**AUSTERE A. PANADERO**  
Undersecretary, LG