



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
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TO : PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : 2012 FORUM ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE AND COOPERATION

The Philippines International Sisterhood and Twinning Association (PHISTA), Inc. will hold the 2012 Forum on Local Government Exchange and Cooperation on February 23-25, 2012 at the Heritage Hotel, Pasay City.

The said Forum aims to provide an avenue to: 1) develop or renew existing sister city or twinning partnerships between and among Philippine and invited foreign local governments, and 2) come up with strategies and next steps to address major issues related to local government exchange and cooperation.

Likewise, an election of a new set of PHISTA National Officers for the current term will be conducted during the event.

In this connection, Local Chief Executives and Sanggunian Committee Chairmen on Local Government Laws (Laws and Ordinances) and Tourism, as well as Local Government Tourism Officers, who are interested to know how sister city arrangement or town-twinning works or how to initiate partnerships and the potential benefits that twinning engenders, may attend, or send their representatives to participate in the Forum, on official business.

The payment of applicable traveling expenses and a participation fee of Twelve Thousand Pesos (PhP12,000.00) for twin sharing or Fifteen Thousand Pesos (PhP15,000.00) for single occupancy, as well as institutional membership fees of Ten Thousand Pesos (PhP10,000.00) for new members only, and annual dues of Five Thousand Pesos (PhP5,000.00) for Provinces and Highly Urbanized Cities; Four Thousand Pesos (PhP4,000.00) for Independent Component and Component Cities; Three Thousand Pesos (PhP3,000.00) for Municipalities and One Thousand Pesos

(PhP1,000.00) for Non-Government Organizations, payable to PHISTA, may be authorized chargeable against local funds, subject to the availability thereof, and to the usual accounting and auditing requirements and to all pertinent laws, rules and regulations. Provided, that the traveling expenses and participation fee shall not be charged against the 20% component of the Internal Revenue Allotment or from whatever source which may prejudice poverty reduction efforts.

The PHISTA National President shall submit to, through the Director of the Bureau of Local Government Supervision, the Secretary of Interior and Local Government, an After-Activity Report within fifteen (15) days after the end of the said undertaking.

Confirmation of attendance is requested, since hotel accommodation will be on a first come, first served basis. For better event management, live-out participants are not encouraged. For other details, please call the PHISTA National Secretariat, c/o Diana Baldonado, through Telephone Numbers (02) 9251151 and 9289181, and Cellphone Number 0917-5552398.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


JESSE M. ROBREDO
Secretary



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