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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
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**TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, ARMM REGIONAL GOVERNOR, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : 1<sup>st</sup> PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL BIOENERGY CONFERENCE**

The **1<sup>st</sup> Philippine International BioEnergy Conference**, an international conference dedicated to bioenergy, will be held on **January 12-13, 2012** at the **Fiesta Pavilion, Manila Hotel**, with the theme, **“Green Investments: Providing Solutions towards Energy Sustainability”**.

Jointly organized by the Department of Agriculture through the Philippine Agricultural Development and Commercial Corporation, the Department of Agrarian Reform, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Department of Energy and the National Biofuels Board, this landmark conference aims to achieve the following objectives:

- a) Gather data and information on lessons learned and best practices on biofuels and biomass production, utilization, sustainability and other economic issues;
- b) Identify the opportunities and challenges for major feedstocks and sources of biofuels and biomass production and move towards the appropriate business discussion;
- c) Secure valuable information on the critical aspects of the Philippine bioenergy industry such as but not limited to integrated technologies, land availability and utilization, and financing; and
- d) Move towards investments in the bioenergy industry in the Philippines.

The event will also serve as a venue for local government units to explore the potentials in biomass and bioenergy investments in their respective localities as they will have the opportunity to interact directly with the investors and technology providers for bioenergy.

In this connection, all local government chief executives and DILG officials are encouraged to attend the said activity. The payment of applicable traveling expenses, and a registration fee in the amount of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00), to defray the costs of convention materials and meals per participant, may be authorized chargeable against their respective 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 registration fees of local government participants shall not be charged against the 20% component of the Internal Revenue Allotment or from whatever source which may prejudice poverty alleviation efforts.

The deadline for confirmation of participants is on **November 30, 2011**. Interested participants are advised to contact the Department of Agriculture (DA) at **Telephone Nos. (02) 926-5446 or 926-7976** or through e-mail at **philagribiz@gmail.com**.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

  
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