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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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

SUBJECT: ENJOINING LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND FUNCTIONARIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL FORUM ON LOCAL AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS PART OF THE 21st ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE

On October 11, 2012, a National Forum on Local Economic Development entitled "*Accelerating Public and Private Partnerships for Competitiveness and Local Economic Development*" is co-organized by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Department of Trade and Industry together with their corresponding partners, the CIDA Funded Local Governance Support Program for Local Economic Development (LGSP-LED) and the Private Sector Promotion (SMEDSEP) Program of GIZ in partnership with the INVEST Program of USAID, Leagues of Cities, Municipalities and Provinces. This will be held as part of the annual celebration of the passage of the Local Government Code, at the Dusit Thani Hotel, Makati City.

The forum aims to provide a venue for highlighting the different NGA and donor-supported programs/ approaches for promoting local economic development by showcasing LGU experiences, a venue to share tools and approaches on enhancing LGU competitiveness and to dialogue between LGU and NGAs and LGUs/ NGAs and the private sector on how to enhance the business investment and enabling environment for LED.

At the end of the forum, it is expected that the LED stakeholders/participants are inspired to apply lessons and practices from other LGUs upon return to their respective LGUs and to propose mechanism(s) for institutionalizing the economic development agenda on a horizontal (department-department and LGU-LGU) and vertical scale (national-regional-provincial to municipality/city).

Participation fee will be shouldered by the organizers. However, travel expenses and cost for accommodations during the event may be authorized, chargeable against local funds, subject to the availability thereof, to the usual accounting and auditing

requirements, and to all pertinent laws, rules and regulations. Provided, that travelling expenses and accommodations shall not be against the 20% Development Fund or from whatever source that may prejudice poverty reduction efforts.

Please confirm your participation not later than October 9, 2012, through Ms. Katrina Abella at telephone nos. (632)9143707/08, fax no. (632)6367936 cellphone number 09175940481 or email address kabella@lgsp-led.ph. Only the first one hundred fifty (150) participants to confirm shall be accommodated.

For the information and guidance of all concerned

