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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS AND CITY / MUNICIPAL
MAYORS AND MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG
PANLALAWIGAN/ PANLUNGSOD/ BAYAN, DILG REGIONAL
AND PROVINCIAL DIRECTORS, FIELD OFFICERS AND OTHER
CONCERNED

SUBJECT : DOCUMENTATION OF GOOD LGU PRACTICES AND SUCCESS
STORIES ON POVERTY-ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVE

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is implementing the **“Philippines Poverty Environment Initiative”** (PPEI) program. The PPEI promotes poverty reduction and inclusive growth by integrating inclusiveness and environment sustainability in development planning and economic decision-making among local government units (LGUs). It facilitates the efforts of the Government of the Philippines (GPH), private sector and civil society to utilize revenues and benefits from environment and natural resources (ENR) for poverty reduction and environmental protection.

One of the activities being undertaken by PPEI is facilitating the review, documentation and sharing of best practices in the sustainable management and use of natural resources for sustainable development. The program supports the aggregation of relevant information and studies into formal knowledge management platforms.

The PPEI has recently launched its website, <http://ppei.dilg.gov.ph/>. One of its key features is the **“Stories of Change”** page. The page features stories about the poverty and environment change strategies of LGUs, private industries/businesses, CSOs/NGOs and local communities that are making transformative change in the community and in the well-being of the poor and vulnerable people. The stories are in the form of an article and in an audio-visual presentation (AVP).

In view of this, we are encouraging local governments to share good practices and success stories on the management and utilization of assets and revenues from natural wealth for sustained, inclusive economic growth. The following links provide guidance in the development and sending of your story/ies:

- <http://ppei.dilg.gov.ph/what-are-stories-of-change> provides brief description of the “stories of change” concept;
- <http://ppei.dilg.gov.ph/share-your-story> contains step-wise processes and instructions in writing and submitting your story/ies, including some writing tips and guide questions for the development of your story/ies;
- <http://ppei.dilg.gov.ph/stories-of-change> contains examples of written documented stories of some LGUs, and
- <http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL2CCFFBF338F2DE33> contains playlist of videos produced by PEI team showcasing good LGU practices;

LGUs may also send a request to visit their locality to document P-E initiative/s. The stories will be featured in the PEI local and global websites. They will also be included in the “coffee table book” to be produced by DILG and UNDP in the first quarter of 2014, and will be part of the “showcases/exhibits” to be conducted quarterly, starting next year.

All Regional and Provincial Offices of DILG are hereby directed to cause widest dissemination of this Circular in their respective areas of jurisdiction.

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