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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 2015-109**

**FOR : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY/MUNICIPALITY
MAYORS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND OTHERS
CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : ATTENDANCE TO DIGITAL STRATEGIES FOR
DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT: AN INTERNATIONAL
KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE FORUM**

The Information and Communication Technology Office (ICTO) of the Department of Science and Technology will be hosting the **Digital Strategies For Development Summit: An International Knowledge Exchange Forum** scheduled to take place on September 22-24, 2015, Cebu City, Philippines. With the theme “**Harnessing Innovative Solutions Towards Inclusive Development**”, this international event will have ICT stakeholders from the public sector, industry, academia, telecentre managers, content providers and NGOs worldwide as the target audience and no less than **His Excellency Houlin Zhao**, ITU Secretary General as Keynote speaker.

The DSDS 2015 aims to provide a platform for high level participants from the major ICT stakeholders to foster dynamic and strategic discussions, sharing of information, real experiences and best practices, which focuses on the extreme significance of addressing the emerging challenges in promoting rural development and engaging the participation of the youth and women relative to entrepreneurship and employment. As such, this forum is highly significant to the LGUs for it will help build a strategic cooperation among national agencies and local government units in guaranteeing efficient and successful outcome.

In this regard, all Local Government Units are encouraged to participate in this event. The forum has a registration fee of Php 3,600.00 inclusive of meals and conference materials for 3 days. The registration fee is free for Governors, Vice-Governors, Mayors and Vice Mayors only. Other LGU delegates, however, (if there is) shall pay the registration fee. Accommodation of participants, on the other hand, will be shouldered by the participating LGUs chargeable against their respective local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and procedures.

Likewise, all DILG Regional Officers are hereby instructed to cause the dissemination of this circular.

Interested participants may contact Ms. Macie Chavez at telephone no. 920-0101 local no. 2000 or thru email at macie.chavezicto.dost.gov.ph.

For your information and compliance.

By Authority of the Secretary

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