



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
DILG-NAPOLCOM Center
EDSA corner Quezon Avenue, Quezon City



August 13, 2015

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 2015-91

TO : ALL CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS, BUSINESS PERMIT AND LICENSING OFFICERS (BPLOs), INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (ICT) OFFICERS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : ATTENDANCE TO THE CONDUCT OF ICT INNOVATIONS FORUM: KEY TO ACCELERATING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' COMPETITIVENESS

One of the program areas by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) is the Business-Friendly and Competitive LGUs which aims to help LGUs in achieving the national agenda towards inclusive growth. Business-friendliness and competitiveness is a condition where LGUs spur sustainable economic and inclusive growth by engaging the business sector, promoting local/trade business and generating employment. A business-friendly and competitive environment can be easily attained when LGUs combined innovation and transparency on their operations using the recent development on Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

In line with the above, the DILG and in partnership with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and Department of Science and Technology-Information and Communications Technology Office (DOST-ICTO) and in collaboration with the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP) and National ICT Confederation of the Philippines (NICP) with the support of Microsoft Philippines, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Ayala Foundation, Inc. and other private sector partners will conduct an Island-wide ICT Innovations Forum with the theme "Strengthening LGU Capacities Through ICT: Innovation. Competitiveness. Transparency."

The ICT Forum aims to promote the importance and relevance of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in attaining a business-friendly and competitive environment. ICT in LGUs could bring innovation, enhance living standards, promote growth and shared prosperity. Further, ICT may bring changes on the structure, system and operations of the LGUs in addressing the demand and delivering the needs of their constituents and strengthen LGUs practices on transparency and accountability through prompt delivery of basic services especially in making and doing business.

It will also help the local government units to choose from an array of products that fits to their needs, meet customer demands, reduce costs and address public concerns for a better performance and service delivery. Further, it will also showcase different ICT innovations and practices by LGUs such as on e-BPLS, e-Payment, Text2Teach and others.

The ICT Forum will be conducted in three (3) main islands of the country on the following dates and venue:

DATES	VENUE
September 3, 2015	Mindanao (Cagayan de Oro City)
September 16, 2015	Luzon (Metro Manila)
September 22, 2015	Visayas (Iloilo City)

Related to this, we are inviting all the City and Municipal Mayors who have completed streamlining process and compliant to Business Permit and Licensing System (BPLS) standards per JMC 2014-01 together with their Business Permit and Licensing Officer (BPLO) or Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Officer to participate on the abovementioned activity.

The Organizer will provide materials, meals (breakfast, 2 snacks and 1 lunch) during the event and one night accommodation (a night before the forum). Travelling expenses and other incidental expenses related to the event shall be shouldered by the LGUs chargeable against local funds subject to the availability thereof and usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations and other pertinent laws.

To all interested participants, kindly confirm and register thru our online registration at www.lguictforum.org on a first come first serve basis. Deadline of registration will be one (1) week before the conduct of the event for each island. Since it will be conducted island-wide, may we request the participants to attend the activity based in your strategic location.

For further inquiries, you may inquire at the Event Secretariat at the email addresses and telephone numbers indicated below or at the event Facebook group under account name LGU ICT Forum:

AGENCY	CONTACT DETAILS
Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)	Tel. No. (02) 925-0356 Telefax No. (02) 927-7852 Email Address: blgd_lfrdd@yahoo.com
Union Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP)	Tel. Nos. (02) 534-6787/(02) 717-1810 Email Address: ulapnatsec@gmail.com

All DILG Regional Directors are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

AUSTERE A. PANADERO
Undersecretary for Local Government