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TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, BARMM CHIEF MINISTER, BARMM MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : CONDUCT OF QUARTERLY TOWN HALL MEETINGS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS


Article III, Section 7 of the Philippine Constitution, upholds the rights of the people to information on matters of public concerns. The Philippines, as a member of the Open Government Partnership (OGP), has committed to make governments more inclusive, responsive, and accountable by promoting transparency, empowering citizens, fighting corruption, and harnessing new technologies to strengthen governance.

This Department, through various issuances, such as the Full Disclosure Policy and the DILG-PCOO Joint Memorandum Circular 2018-01, providing the guidelines and mechanisms for operationalizing the FOI program at the local level, has been continually upholding the value of open governance through transparency and full disclosure among local government units (LGUs).

Supplementing these existing mechanisms of open governance, all LGUs are enjoined to conduct town hall meetings every quarter, to serve as a platform in informing citizens of the state of local governance in their respective LGUs. It shall also serve as a venue for public consultation where citizens and other stakeholders can voice out their opinions, suggest actions, and provide feedback, for the LGUs' consideration, to improve service delivery.

DILG Field Officers are directed to advocate and monitor the conduct of the said meetings. Further, all DILG Regional Directors and the BARMM Minister for Local Government are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this issuance to the concerned authorities within their areas of jurisdiction.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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Secretary

