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TO

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ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY/MUNICIPAL MAYORS,

SANGGUNIAN MEMBERS, THE ARMM REGIONAL GOVERNOR AND

ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT

DIRECTING PARTICIPATION OF ALL ELECTED LOCAL OFFICIALS

IN THE 2019 PROGRAM FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS (NEO)

The 2019 Program for Newly-Elected Officials (Program for NEOs), is a term-based program designed to enhance the competencies of the NEOs as both development and economic managers capable of carrying out their mandated functions towards peaceful, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable development. Administered by the Local Government Academy (LGA) of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) in collaboration with the DILG Field Offices, Leagues of Local Governments, and partner NGAs, the 2019 Program for NEOs is composed of five (5) components.

The first component of the Program for NEOs is "Ensuring Smooth Transition", this provides a venue for the smooth transfer of power and transition of LGU operations. The second component, "Jumpstarting Local Governance" provides the foundation that will enable the NEOs to have deeper understanding of public service and local governance. Next is "Creating the Roadmap for LGU Development" designed to assist the LGUs in the formulation and updating of their local plans. The fourth component, "Sharpening the Competencies of LGU Officials & Staff" provides learning interventions to LGU officials and functionaries on various areas of governance to facilitate effective and efficient local government operations. The final component, "LGU Performance Management" is intended to promote not only good governance but also innovation in local governance through recognition of deserving LGUs.

In this regard, all elected local officials are hereby directed to participate in the various capacity development initiatives under the Program for NEOs. All expenses incurred for this purpose are hereby authorized, chargeable against their local funds, subject to applicable accounting and auditing laws, rules, and regulations.

All DILG Regional Directors are enjoined to give this Memorandum Circular the widest dissemination in their respective jurisdiction.

This Memorandum Circular takes effect immediately.

Secretary