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iGovPhil project reports progress in yearend activity

The Integrated Government Philippines (iGovPhil), a project of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), today opened a three-day activity to update its stakeholders on the progress of its task to develop infrastructure, systems and applications for more efficient and faster delivery of government services to the public.

Launched in June last year, the project has accomplished several programs that are now in the pilot implementation stage. Among these are the Public Key Infrastructure, email system, cloud computing, web hosting, interoperability framework, Agency Records Inventory System, online payment system, project management application, and forms generation application.

Infrastructures still being developed are the fiber optic backbone and data centers in major areas of the country. These are needed to interconnect all government agencies and provide platforms for cloud applications, collaboration and sharing resources.

Bon Moya, undersecretary of the Department of Budget and Management, a partner of iGovPhil, said government agencies must start trusting in the e-government being pushed by the administration through the iGovPhil project.

“We spend 3 billion pesos in paper and half-a-billion more in air-conditioning for the various independent data centers every year.... Interconnecting government agencies will save us billions in terms of time and money [through shared resources and paperless transactions],” said Moya in a keynote address.



He said “e-government needs e-civil servants.” To address this, he announced the government’s plan to buy 95,000 laptops for public servants. “You don’t have to procure them; they will fall on your laps,” he told the audience composed of officials of government agencies. He said the plan includes buying 80,000 laptops a year until all national government employees from salary grade 4 and above will each have a laptop. The laptops will be replaceable every three years.

The event is being held at the UP TechnoHub in Diliman, Quezon City from December 10 until December 12

The activities include presentations from project components like the PKI, GovMail, GovCloud, Fiber Optic Network, National Archives and Records Management Information System, Data Center, Interoperability Framework plan, Project Management and Forms Generator. Attending are officials and representatives of various government offices.

About iGovPhil – The iGovPhil project aims to enhance government efficiency and effectiveness by setting up relevant mechanisms to implement interactive, interconnected, and interoperable government applications. Components of the project include Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) to enhance the security of transactions and communications, the National Records Management Information System (NaRMIS), a secure payment gateway through e-Bayad, secure data centers and integrated fiber optic network to interconnect the various agencies of government.

About DOST-ICTO – The Information and Communications Technology Office of the Department of Science and Technology is the Philippine Government’s lead agency on ICT related matters. Its primary thrusts are in the ICT Industry Development, eGovernment, ICT policy development, Internet for all and Cybersecurity.