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### **Government Creates Special Working Group on Philippine eGovernment Interoperability Framework**

The Department of Science and Technology announced today the creation of a body to fast-track the development of an e-government framework that will ensure the “interoperability” of systems and allow the smooth exchange of information and services among government agencies.

A special order issued by DOST's Information and Communications Technology Office (ICT Office) creates a special working group tasked to develop the Philippine eGovernment Interoperability Framework (PeGIF), which will define the e-government that will be established.

The PeGIF working group – comprised of information and communications technology (ICT) stalwarts from the government, academe and the private sector – will be tasked to develop standards and processes for governing the technical and informational interoperability of government ICT systems.

The PeGIF shall be aligned with the E-Government Master Plan (EGMP), as well as other relevant national plans, frameworks and strategies.

DOST Undersecretary Louis Casambre, executive director of the ICT Office, said “through this PeGIF, we aim to attain true e-government sooner in the country. Our citizens can expect that queuing for basic government services such as health care and taxes will be faster and forms will no longer be needed to be filled out repeatedly, allowing for citizens to spend more time in what matter most, like earning a living. Likewise, it will also ensure the accomplishment of our goals for good governance, transparency accountability, enhance citizen engagement and effective delivery of public service.”

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