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**ICTO and NCDA hold ICT job fair for PWDs**

The Information and Communications Technology Office of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST-ICTO) and the National Council for Disability Affairs (NCDA) organized an ICT jobs and skills fair for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) at the SM North EDSA Annex Cyberzone on 19 June 2013.

The event entitled “ICT: Enabling People, a Jobs and Skills Fair for PWDs” is part of a series of events the DOST-ICTO is organizing to celebrate National ICT month 2013. The event aims to provide a venue for PWDs to find jobs in the ICT industry, as well showcase the enabling quality of Information and Communications Technologies for empowering PWDs, making them capable and productive members of society.

PWDs who have excelled in various ICT related fields share their personal experiences as well as exhibit their skills that are enhanced with innovative enabling technologies. Product demonstrations are also given by various technology providers that assist PWDs at home and in the workplace.

This is the second year the two government agencies are organizing the event. According Ms. Bettina Quimson, Deputy Executive Director of DOST-ICTO, “ We are very pleased to partner with NCDA once again for this event. Advances in technology particularly in ICT have opened up a whole new world for PWDs, enabling them like never before to contribute to society.” “Our fast growing ICT industry needs talent from all walks of life, and we are confident we can find gems in the rough with our participants here today.”

**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.