

### 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016 CIOF GMM POST EVENT REPORT

As digital age is maturing in the country, when doing effective business and service depend largely on technological efficiency and network readiness, and when information has become a high-demand and high-value commodity, the creation of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) is a desired change towards a broader and inclusive deployment of information and communications technology (ICT) in the country. The DICT will spur ICT development, institutionalize e-governance, and manage the country's ICT environment. The expected transformations will bring partnerships with the private sector, particularly, the ICT industry. It was in this context that the theme "*ICT NOW #PartnerForChange*" of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016 CIOF General Membership Conference-Meeting (GMM) was formulated.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016 CIOF GMM was successfully conducted on 22 September 2016 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Quezon City, Philippines. The event was jointly organized by the CIOF and the CIOF Foundation with support from the ICT industry partners. There were 112 attendees, 53 of which, were CIOs and CIOF members, and the rest were officials and senior technical staff from NGAs, GOCCs, SUCs, LGUs and ICT industry partners.

Aptly themed "*ICT NOW #PartneForChange*", the 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016 CIOF GMM had the following objectives to: a) provide awareness on the broad plans and policies of the DICT for the development and strengthening of the country's ICT infrastructure and resources; b) increase understanding of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Data Privacy Act of 2012 in securing and protecting personal data; c) learn new application systems for human resources management for government operations; d) showcase innovative technology solutions and share best practices in the ICT industry and in government; e) report on the status of the programs, projects and activities undertaken by the CIOF; and f) provide opportunities for networking, cooperation, and expand strategic alliances with their peers in the government and industry partners.

As in the past CIOF GMMs, the program agenda had two parts: conference and meeting. The conference was composed of presentations of innovative technology solutions and best practices, and policy update on Data Privacy Law. To break the technical presentations, a new element was introduced, i.e. Light Moments: Balancing Work-Life with Wellness Program. For the CIOF meeting, in addition to the usual President's Report and induction of new CIOF members, two new agenda items were featured, such as: Innovative ICT projects being implemented by government agencies; and recognition of CIOF achievers. Opportunities for networking and interaction with industry partners, and visit to exhibit booth were also provided.

The success of the event may be largely attributed to the first appearance before the CIOs of the Secretary of the newly created DICT and the presence of other high level government officials, like: DICT Undersecretary Denis Villoriente and NPC Deputy Commissioner Damian "Dondi" Mapa. Other success factors were the active participation and interest of the attendees on the plans, policies, programs and projects of the newly created DICT, and generous support of the following industry partners: PLDT Enterprise, IP Converge and American Technologies, Inc.