

## 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 CIOF GMM AND 1<sup>st</sup> DATA PRIVACY SUMMIT POST EVENT REPORT

The 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 CIOF General Membership Conference-Meeting (GMM) and Christmas Party were held back-to-back with the 1<sup>st</sup> Data Privacy Summit. It was held on 5-6 December 2016 at Novotel Manila, Araneta Center, and Quezon City, Philippines. The Summit was a major collaboration of the CIOF Foundation with the National Privacy Commission (NPC), which was formally dubbed as PRIVACY.GOV.PH with the theme "*Government at the Forefront of Protecting the Filipino in the Digital World*". The event focused on the fundamental data privacy principles and basic provisions to jumpstart compliance of the government agencies to RA 10173, otherwise known as the Data Privacy Act of 2012, a law meant to uphold the citizens' right to privacy through responsible handling of personal data.

The two-day event had the following objectives to: a) increase understanding of the Data Privacy Act of 2012 and its IRR; b) share recommended best practices in the adoption of data privacy practices and practical compliance tips; c) set the tone and agenda for inter-agency cooperation for the promotion of personal data protection while ensuring free flow of information; d) establish a network of data protection officers towards policy collaboration, compliance and cooperation; 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 peers in the government and industry partners.

The event had two sets of programs. The first program was for the conduct of the Summit for 1 1/2 day on 5-6 December 2016. Day 1 was focused on the presentations of the fundamental provisions of the Data Privacy Act. The morning session of Day 2 was dedicated for the workshop on Data Privacy capacity building program. The second program was for the 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 CIOF GMM and Christmas Party. This was a less formal session with the usual presentation of the accomplishments of the Forum. The event culminated with the celebration of Christmas.

The 1st Data Privacy Summit gathered over 250 ICT officials and professionals, and data protection officers from NGAs, GOCCs, SUCs and LGUs. The high turnout may be largely attributed to the interest of attendees to learn the data privacy principles and the basics of compliance with the Data Privacy Act and its IRR. On the less formal session, the 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 CIOF GMM brought together almost a hundred active members of the CIOF and the CIOF Foundation to tackle organizational concerns and performance.

The success of the event may be largely attributed to the interest of the participants to learn the provisions of the Data Privacy Act and its IRR, particularly on the requirements for managing and safeguarding personal data privacy, and the consequences for not complying with the Law. Another significant factor was the generous support of the following industry partners: F5, Akamai/PLDT Enterprise, Amazon Webservices/Vibal and Globe Business.