2016 NICT SUMMIT POST EVENT REPORT

In celebration of the information and communications technology (ICT) month (June) for this year, the CIOF and the CIOF Foundation in coordination with the ICT Office and support from the ICT industry partners organized and conducted the two-day 2016 National ICT (NICT) Summit as a continuing advocacy on the use of ICT as enabler in governance, ensuring transparency and accountability in government, and improving delivery of public services. The event was held on 28-29 June 2016 at the Novotel Hotel Manila, Araneta Center, Quezon City, Philippines.

There were 271 and 182 participants attended the first and second day of the Summit, respectively. Most of the participants were executives, ICT professionals and other officials and technical personnel from NGAs, GOCCs, LGUs, and SUCs who are involved in the formulation, evaluation, recommendation or approval of ICT solutions in their respective offices. Moreover, high-level government officials, like: Senator Ralph Recto, newly appointed DOST Secretary Fortunato dela Pena, ICTO USec Louis Napoleon Casambre, DBM USec Richard Bon Moya, National Privacy Commission (NPC) Commissioner Raymond Liboro, and NPC Deputy Commissioner Dondi Mapa attended in support of the objectives of the Summit.

Themed "Transitioning eGovernance to the Next Administration", the 8th NICT Summit aimed to: a) showcase for the incoming administration the developments/gains and challenges of the ICT sector in the country; b) secure the interest and support of the new administration on the ICT policy initiatives, strategies, programs and projects towards sustaining the momentum of eGovernance for nation-building; c) prepare the new administration leadership for the challenges in accelerating the country's ICT Agenda; d) provide a venue for exchanging ideas and sharing of knowledge, experiences and best practices in using ICT as strategic tool in eGovernance; e) exhibit the latest and innovative ICT solutions, products, services and applications; and f) provide the participants with opportunities for networking, cooperation and expand strategic alliances with their peers in the government and industry partners.

The Summit capsulated the ICT gains of the outgoing administration. It featured five major topics, such as: a) Digital Paradigms: Leading Technologies for eGovernment; b) Updates on Selected Government Policies, Programs and Projects; c) Rationalizing Governance; d) Parallel tracks on i) ICT in Local Governance, and ii) ICT in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management; and e) CIOF General Membership Meeting. Day 1 was a series of plenary sessions while Day 2 was a combination of plenary sessions in the morning and two parallel track sessions in the afternoon. High profile and competent speakers from the government and private sector shared their knowledge, experiences and best practices in using ICT for sustainable development. Thus, the event became an excellent venue for exchanging ideas, and sharing real experience and best practices in eGovernence, as well as, creating network connections among participants and resource speakers. Exhibit booths of the sponsors showcased the ICT products, services and applications relative to eGovernance.

The success of the event depended on the excellent presentations of the speakers; presence of high profile guests and speakers; active participation of the attendees; and generous support of the industry partners, such as: MarkLogic Corporation; Transnational eBusiness Solutions, Inc.; Outsystems; Globe Business; ePLDT; PLDT Enterprise; Netpoleon; Carbon Black; Blue Coat; MEC Networks Corporation; GEODATA; Vibal; Amazon Web Services; ITAP; CISCO; Microgenesis; Kofax; Duble-Take; Dragon Pay; Canon; IL&FS Land Registration Systems, Inc.; GSIS; and ATI.