

2017 NATIONAL ICT SUMMIT POST EVENT REPORT

The 2017 National ICT (NICT) Summit was the culminating event of a month long celebration of the ICT Month (June). It was held on 28-29 June, 2017 at the Garden Ballroom of EDSA Shangri-La Hotel Manila, Mandaluyong City, Philippines. The two-day event was organized by the CIOF and CIOFF, in coordination with the Department of ICT (DICT) and support from the ICT industry partners. For this year, the theme of the Summit was "**Revving up Infostructures for Development**", which highlighted the vital role of infostructures in accelerating construction of critical infrastructure programs and projects of the government, thus, supporting the "*Build, Build, Build*" strategy of the Administration with the ultimate goal of bringing socioeconomic gains to the citizens.

The 9th NICT Summit served as the platform for forging stronger relationships among stakeholders to accelerate ICT's contribution towards realizing "*Ambisyon Natin 2040*", the collective vision of Filipinos over the next 25 years. In particular, the objectives of the Summit were to: a) provide updates on the status of key government ICT programs and projects; b) provide solid understanding on cybersecurity and critical infostructures protection strategies; c) increase awareness on ICT challenges and strategies for e-governance; d) provide a venue for exchanging ideas and sharing of knowledge, experiences and best practices on infostructures; e) showcase the latest technology trends 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.

There were 278 and 187 attendees during Day 1 and Day 2 of the Summit, respectively, composed of incumbent and former government CIOs, ICT officials from the NGAs, LGUs, SUCs, and stakeholders from the private sector and ICT industry partners. Colleagues from the Asian organizations, namely: CIO Academy Asia (CIOAA) and ASEAN CIO Association (ACIOA) attended the Summit. Also in attendance were high-ranking government officials. Presidential Spokesperson and Secretary Ernesto C. Abella, DOST Secretary Fortunato T. dela Peña and DICT Undersecretary Monchito B. Ibrahim gave their keynote messages. Senior-level public servants from the DICT who shared their knowledge and expertise were Usec Eliseo M. Rio, Jr., Usec Denis F. Villorente, and Asec Alan A. Silor. Other government officials who supported the Summit were DBM Usec Lilia C. Guillermo, DPWH Asec B. Elizabeth B. Yap and DBM Asec Clarito L. Magsino. Reputable and competent speakers from the ICT industry partners, some of which came from other countries, also shared their knowledge, experiences and best practices.

The Summit covered a wide array of topics from government ICT programs and initiatives, critical infostructures, Internet of Things (IoT), cybersecurity, Industry 4.0 initiatives up to digital transformation journey. It featured three (3) main agenda: a) ICT Challenges and Strategies for E-Governance; b) Cybersecurity and Critical Infostructures Protection Strategies, and Best Practices; and c) Jumpstarting Key Government Programs. Day 1 was a plenary session while Day 2 was a combination of plenary session in the morning and breakout sessions in the afternoon. Track 1 - Industry 4.0 Technologies for Governance was aimed to drill deeper into technologies and cloud services to help the government CIOs catch up with Industry 4.0. Track 2 - Technology Trends and Updates was intended to fortify the CIOs cyber defenses and compliance with Freedom of Information (FOI) regulations. The event also featured the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CIOF and CIOAA, and MOU between CIOFF and CIOAA. The CIOF and CIOFF expanded their horizons to embrace the global perspective, as they forged partnerships with ACIOA during the 1st 2017 CIOF General Membership Meeting-Conference and CIOAA during this Summit, to take advantage of the ASEAN integration and align their efforts with the ASEAN ICT Roadmap. Finally, opportunities for networking, cooperation and expanding strategic alliances among the participants and industry partners were provided to augment the learning gathered from the presenters and resource speakers. Exhibit booths of the industry partners showcased their state-of-the-art products, solutions and services.

The Summit was highlighted by the insights, emerging technologies and concepts, and innovative policies learned from the keynote speakers and experts. For instance, Presidential Spokesman Abella affirmed the DICT's key role in ramping up ICT infostructures to realize the Administration's promise of a "*comfortable life for all Filipinos*". This was supported by DICT Usec Villorente and other government speakers who assured that DICT is on track with the President's promise, having already initiated key projects like: free

public Wi-Fi along EDSA and nationwide; government portal which was launched last 12 June 2017; national broadband plan; the eGMP 2022 framework; and similar initiatives. Moreover, DOST Sec. dela Peña, cited the role of DOST's Research and Development (R&D) projects in mainstreaming ICT towards fulfilling the President's promise and eventually to achieve the goals of the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022 and the Administration's long-term "*Ambisyon Natin 2040*" vision. On the other hand, the speakers and experts from the industry partners assured that these ambitious goals are attainable given the government resources already committed and the required tools, technologies, and technical and legal frameworks already available. For the next steps, DICT Usec Ibrahim hurled the key challenges for CIOs with the phrases: "*exponential thinking*" and "*moon shot thinking*", which echoed the quote about Einstein saying that we cannot solve today's problems at the same level of thinking with which we created them. The millennials are natively adept at exponential and moon shoot thinking patterns. The question is - Are CIOs, in their institutional and individual capacities, ready to think exponentially? According to the answers lies the future of e-governance.

The participants were very satisfied with the Summit because their expectations were more than adequately met, particularly on the government ICT initiatives and technology trends which to a large extent can improve the performance of their functions in their respective offices. The success of the event may be attributed to the presence of several high-ranking government officials, competent and eloquent speakers, active participation of the attendees, and hardworking Project Management Team. The generous support of the ICT industry partners also contributed in making the Summit a fruitful and productive event. These were: MarkLogic, Globe Business, PLDT, Netpoleon, MEC, Huawei, Vibal, VMware, Geodata, Alcatel-Lucent/ATI, GSIS, SSS, ITAPhil, AMD, Converge ICT, Computrade, and MDI.