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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
REGION IV-A CALABARZON  
Province of Laguna

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**URGENT MEMORANDUM**

**TO : CLUSTER HEADS AND ALL C/MLGOOs**

**SUBJECT : MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR 2023-141 ENTITLED 2023  
LOCALGOVERNMENT MONTH CELEBRATION PHILIPPINE LOCAL  
GOVERNANCE FORUM (PLGF) 2023**

**DATE : 05 OCTOBER 2023**

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This has reference to the attached Memorandum issued by Dir. Ariel O. Iglesia, CESO III, Regional Director, DILG Region IV-A (CALABARZON), dated October 04, 2023, regarding the aforementioned subject.

Relative to this, you are hereby directed to facilitate the dissemination of the attached Memorandum Circular to all local government units under your respective areas of jurisdiction.

For compliance.

  
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## URGENT MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL PROVINCIAL AND HUC DIRECTORS

SUBJECT : MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR 2023-141 ENTITLED 2023 LOCAL GOVERNMENT MONTH CELEBRATION PHILIPPINE LOCAL GOVERNANCE FORUM (PLGF) 2023

DATE : OCTOBER 4, 2023

This pertains to the attached Memorandum Circular No. 2023-141 with the abovementioned subject enjoining local government units and DILG offices to join and undertake various face-to-face and online activities in the observance of the month-long celebration of the Local Government Month.

Relative to this, you are hereby directed to cause the immediate and widest dissemination of the attached MC to all concerned within your respective areas of jurisdiction.

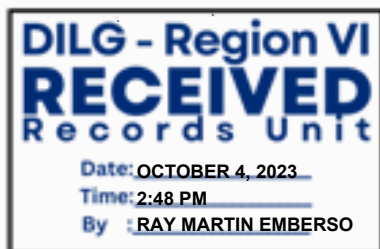
For immediate compliance.

  
**ARIEL O. IGLESIA, CESO III**  
Regional Director

*Enclosed: As Stated*



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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

No. 2023-141

**TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, DILG REGIONAL AND FIELD OFFICES, AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : 2023 LOCAL GOVERNMENT MONTH CELEBRATION  
PHILIPPINE LOCAL GOVERNANCE FORUM (PLGF) 2023**

**DATE : SEP 29 2023**

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**Background**

- 1.1. Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, was signed into law on October 10, 1991. Hence, the month of October of every year was declared as Local Government (LG) Month, the second week of October as LG Week, and the 10<sup>th</sup> day as LG Day.
- 1.2. The Philippine Local Governance Forum (PLGF), the Department of the Interior and Local Government's (DILG) yearly offering for the LG month celebration, is aimed to highlight local governance excellence through local Government Units (LGUs) valuable contributions towards nation building. It is a knowledge management (KM) platform to showcase various knowledge exchange activities as well as featuring LG month celebrations from the DILG Central and Regional Office, Local Government Academy (LGA), and LGUs nationwide.
- 1.3. As the mandated institution to strengthen local government capability, the DILG is committed to implement the PLGF in October 2023. This year's forum will highlight successful LGU projects that institutionalized innovative mechanisms and campaigns manifesting successful implementation of devolved functions as well as excellent management of additional resources towards local governance excellence.

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- 1.4. Part of the success and emerging stories that will be showcased in celebration of the LG Month will be derived from the experiences of exemplar LGUs from Quadrant 1 of the LGU segmentation results. They will be sharing inspiring, innovative, and demand-driven programs anchored on the CapDev analytics results.

## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 This Memorandum Circular is issued to enjoin local government units (LGUs) and DILG Offices to join and undertake various face-to-face and online activities in the observance of the month-long celebration of the Local Government Month.

## **2.0 Scope/Coverage**

- 2.1 All Provincial Governors, City and Municipal Mayors, DILG Regional and Field Offices and all others concerned.

## **3.0 Policy Contents and Guidelines**

### **3.1 Theme**

- 3.1.1 This year's PLGF celebration will focus on "Empowerment, People's Participation, and Efficiency in Program Service Delivery" and will be known as **The Festival of Local Excellence**", or **PLGF-FLEX**.

### **3.2 Activities**

- 3.2.1 To commemorate the 2023 LG Month celebration, various events and activities are lined up showcasing successful local programs, projects, and initiatives that highlight excellence in local governance, foster a culture of learning and sharing among local governance stakeholders.
- 3.2.2 Towards this end, all DILG Regional/Field Offices are encouraged to join and support the LG Month festivities by:
  - 3.2.2.1 Officially launching the 2023 LG Month celebration through their 1<sup>st</sup> Flag Ceremony for the month of October;
  - 3.2.2.2 Enrolling their respective LG Month event as PLGF-FLEX event by enlisting their activities for the month of October with the PLGF-FLEX official web page;



3.2.2.3 Sharing their official LG Month event videos and photos through the PLGF-FLEX official web page; and

3.2.2.4 Promoting and encouraging participation in the various enrolled activities in their respective territorial jurisdiction.

3.2.3 To ensure uniformity, quality, and proper branding in the conduct of the enrolled events, standard templates (Logo, Certificates, Attendance and registration sheets, IDs, Backdrop, etc.) and other IEC materials will be provided to the event organizers.

3.2.4 The highlight of this month-long celebration will feature two (2) major events that will be organized by the LGA following this year's PLGF theme of *"Empowerment, People's Participation, and Efficiency in Program Service Delivery"* and subthemes: 1) *"Fostering Participatory Governance"*; 2) *"Local Leadership for Sustainable Development"*; and 3) *"Excellence in Data-Driven Governance"*.

3.2.4.1 *Virtual Knowledge Exchange* – the main event of the PLGF-FLEX 2023 to commemorate the Local Government Day scheduled on **October 10, 2023**. The LGA offers a stage where select Quadrant 1 *exemplar LGUs* can share their success stories relative to programs, projects, and initiatives on various governance areas utilizing their CapDev Analysis result.

3.2.4.2 To maximize the participation and audience reach of the Knowledge Exchange, an online platform will be utilized. Interested participants may register using this link: [bit.ly/LGA-PLGF2023-register](https://bit.ly/LGA-PLGF2023-register)

3.2.4.3 The Philippine Local Governance: Visioning the Future Perfect – the culminating event to cap the 2023 LG Month Celebration will be held on **October 26, 2023**. This event is designed to celebrate the gains and milestones of more than three decades of the LG Code implementation. In addition, the event will serve as a platform for discussing the direction and prospects of Philippine local governance in achieving the SDG goals by year 2030. This face-to-face activity aims to highlight through sharing, exchanges, and dialogues of innovative, exemplar, and award-winning LGU initiatives promoting excellence in local governance.

3.2.5 For LGU representatives who would like to attend the culminating activity, the following guidelines should be taken into consideration:

3.2.5.1 The payment of corresponding traveling expenses and registration fees, if there are any, and to defray the subsequent cost of hotel accommodation, meals and activity materials, per person, may be authorized chargeable upon local government funds, in accordance with, and subject to, applicable limitations provided under COA Circular No. 2012-003 dated October 29, 2012, and conventional accounting and auditing requirements and pertinent laws, rules, and regulations.

3.2.6 For more information relative to all PLGF-FLEX 2023 events, enrollment of PLGF-FLEX related activities, or of sharing of event videos and photos, interested parties may visit the PLGF webpage thru this link: [bit.ly/PLGF-Registration](https://bit.ly/PLGF-Registration)

All DILG Regional Directors are hereby directed to cause the immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular in their respective areas of jurisdiction.

For information and guidance.

**ATTY. BENJAMIN C. ABALOS, JR.**  
Secretary



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