

2018 CIOF 1st GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND CONFERENCE POST EVENT REPORT

DATE/TIME	: 21 March 2018 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
VENUE	: Novotel Manila, Araneta Center, Quezon City, Philippines
GROUP	: Trustees and members of CIOF and CIOF Foundation; government executives, ICT officials and ICT senior technical staff from the national government agencies (NGAs), government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), local government units (LGUs); state universities and colleges (SUCs), and ICT industry partners
KEY RESULTS AREA	: Advocacy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The “*Build, Build, Build*” (B3) Program of the Duterte Administration is a comprehensive infrastructure development program anchored and geared towards achieving the goals of “*Ambisyon Natin 2040*”, the country’s overarching vision over the next 25 years. The ICT is one of the vital support systems to the successful completion and implementation of the B3 Program. Hence, the 2018 CIOF 1st GMM and Conference aimed to explore ways to leverage ICT to support the push for a “golden age” for Philippine infrastructure. It was in this context that the theme ***Harnessing ICT for the “Build, Build, Build” Program #ICT4B3*** was formulated by the CIOF and CIOFF. The event was held on 21 March 2018 at the Novotel Manila, Araneta Center, Quezon City, Philippines. There were 128 participants, 57 of which were Chief Information Officers (CIOs) of the government. The rest were other government officials, speakers and guests from the public and private sector.

Specifically, the event had the following objectives: a) to better understand the B3 Program of the Duterte Administration; b) to provide awareness on the specific infrastructure projects under the B3 Program; c) to provide new insights on how ICT industry can help in the implementation of the B3 Program; d) to share technology solutions and best practices for the B3 Program; e) to provide updates on broadband network for the B3 Program; f) to share experiences on cloud procurement policies and technology challenges; and g) to provide opportunities to meet and network face-to-face with fellow CIOs in government and expand strategic alliances with their fellow CIOs and the industry partners.

The main feature of the event was the B3 Program and how the CIOs fit into this program through their technical expertise and know-how. The conference started with the Opening Remarks of the DPWH Assistant Secretary and CIOF Vice President B. Elizabeth E. Yap, followed by the keynote message of DICT Undersecretary and Officer-in-Charge Eliseo M. Rio, Jr. He said that infusing a third party in the telecommunications industry will encourage competition thereby improving internet access and services to the Filipinos. He encouraged the CIOs and the participants to get updates, listen to stories, create ideas and new insights on how ICT industry can help in the implementation of the B3 Program.

The conference proper began with the presentations of the situation and status of the B3 Program and the New Clark City by the Chairperson of the DPWH B3 Program Anna Mae Y. Lamentillo and BCDA OIC for Investment Promotion and Marketing Department Christian Paolo R. Quillamor, respectively. These were followed by the presentations of selected government officials and industry partner on: a) Towards a Robust Broadband Network for the B3 Program; and b) Technology Solutions and Best Practices for the B3 Program. The Cloud Procurement: Policy and Technology Challenges, an integral part of the ICT support to B3 Program, was presented by the officials from the DICT, DBM-PS and GPPB. With regard to the monitoring of accomplishments of the different B3 projects through ICT applications, the Digital Imaging for Monitoring and Evaluation, was presented by DBM Assistant Secretary Clarito Alejandro L. Magsino. The technical conference ended with the presentations of technical updates by the industry partners.

The general membership meeting was opened by DBM Undersecretary and CIOF President Lilia C. Guillermo with the status report on the CIOF programs and projects. Induction of four new members followed. The meeting concluded with a closing remarks by CIOF PRO Virgilio M. Gaje.

Opportunities for networking among the participants and ICT industry partners were provided during the event. Exhibit booths of the sponsors showcased their ICT products, services, applications and solutions. The industry partners were able to expand their visibility and discussed further their solutions and technologies to the participants at their respective booth

The participants and the industry partners were generally satisfied with the manner the event was conducted as evidenced from the results of the survey (evaluation of the conference and event organization). The following industry partners generously contributed to the success of the event: CISCO Systems; Lenovo South East Asia; ISI Comteq; Converge ICT; Amazon Web Services; Valueline Systems and Solutions Corp.; TechEdge Solutions; MSi-ECS; GEODATA Systems and Technologies, Inc.; American Technologies, Inc.; and Belden, Philippines.