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FOR Provincial Governors, Vice Governors, City Mayors,
League of Municipalities Chair per province, and,
Liga ng mga Barangay Chair per province

RE INVITATION TO THE SULONG PILIPINAS: LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISCUSSIONS
ON PEACE AND ORDER AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP) and its member leagues are releasing this communication ahead of the official DILG Memorandum Circular for early confirmation of local governments, for preparation and further action.

The month of October, 2016 marks the 25th anniversary of the Local Government Code of 1991. This milestone is befitting of a celebration that will highlight the gains of the LG Code towards realizing a genuine and meaningful local autonomy, and enabling local governments to attain their fullest development as self-reliant communities and make them more effective partners in the attainment of national goals. The theme of the celebration is anchored on three (3) dimensions of the 25 years of journey of local governance in the Philippines: *Pagsulong. Progreso. Pagbabago.*

Aligned with the sectoral agenda-setting discussions of the Office of the President – Cabinet Secretary, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), with the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP) and its member leagues, are organizing the **Sulong Pilipinas: Local Governance Discussions**, which is one of the series of activities of the 2016 Local Government Congress.

In this regard, we are cordially inviting you to the **Sulong Pilipinas: Local Governance Discussions**, which is one of the series of activities of the 2016 Local Government Congress aims to strengthen the ties between the local peace and order, as planned by the Local Government Units (LGUs) and the Philippine National Police, and forward nationwide participation in making our country peaceful and safe, while concurrently planning strategies for local social delivery and social development.

Moreover, the consultations is seen as avenue for DILG to discuss with the local officials their new program, **MASA MASID (Mamamayang Ayaw sa Anomalya – Mamamayang Ayaw sa Ilegal na Droga)**. MASA MASID is a barangay-based program developed by DILG to address the country's current problem in criminality, illegal drugs, and corruption.

The output of the discussions is a listing of priorities, plans, and target outcomes of local governments per province, and per region. The outputs will be processed and collated by ULAP and DILG, for submission and discussion with the Office of the Cabinet Secretary and National Government Agencies, for alignment for the national six-year agenda.



a. Attendance per Regional Cluster Schedule

One-day workshops are slated for the following regional clusters:

Date	Regional Cluster	Regions Included	VENUE
Sept 20, Tuesday	ARMM Visayas	ARMM provinces Regions 6, 7, 8, NIR	SMX Davao
Sept 21, Wednesday	Mindanao	Regions 9, 10, 11, 12, 13	SMX Davao
Oct 3, Monday	Northern Luzon	Regions 1, 2, 3, CAR	Dusit Thani, Makati
Oct 4, Tuesday	NCR Southern Luzon	NCR cities Regions 4A, 4B, 5	Dusit Thani, Makati

As per the DILG Memorandum Circular (currently being processed), the invited attendees are:

- Provincial Governors
- Vice Governors
- City Mayors
- League of Municipalities Chair per province
- Liga ng mga Barangay Chair per province
- DILG Regional Directors and Provincial Directors
- PNP Regional Directors and top 3 officers per province

For confirmation of your participation, please contact the ULAP Secretariat c/o Kamilie Carreon or Maan Sanchez through (02) 534-6787/ (02) 534-6789/ (02) 717-1810 or (+63) 920-972-2301/ (+63) 918-985-6659. The leagues will also provide assistance in the confirmation and coordination of the LG participants.

b. Pre-work: Worksheet for Security and Social Development Agenda Alignment

As pre-work for the discussions, all participants are *required to complete the [Local government worksheet](#)*. Also linked is the [Concept Note and Guide to the Local Government Worksheet](#) on how to fill out the worksheet.

Other important notes:

1. Food and accommodation (a day before or after), travelling expenses and other incidental expenses related to the event, may be authorized chargeable against local funds subject to the availability thereof and usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations and other pertinent laws provided that the said expenses shall not be charged against the 20% component of the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) or from whatever source that may prejudice on-going poverty alleviation efforts.

This means that the LG representatives would have to book their own flights and accommodation arrangements. As mentioned above, the LG Leagues will be extending coordination and administrative



support on these matters. Please expect that the official memorandum circular from DILG will be released soon from your local DILG officers/league secretariats.

2. Attached with this invitation are the following documents:

Event	Document References (Hyperlinked: Click for download)
Sulong Pilipinas: Local Government Consultations (one day per regional cluster) <i>Sept 20-21, 2016; SMX Davao</i> <i>Oct 3-4, 2016; Dusit Thani, Makati City</i>	[1] Local government worksheet [2] Concept Note and Guide to the Local Government Worksheet

3. Should you have clarifications or other concerns, you may contact **Project Officer Kamille Carreon** through mobile number (+63) 0920-9722301, e-mail address kvmcarreon@gmail.com, or office number (02) 534-6789.

We are hoping for your full support and attendance to this dialogue. *Maraming salamat po at mabuhay tayong lahat.*

Respectfully on behalf of the joint DILG, ULAP and LG leagues organizing team,

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