



DBM CONFERS RECOGNITION TO NGICS AND RPGIAM RESOURCE PERSONS

By: The Systems and Productivity Improvement Bureau

In line with its efforts to strengthen internal control systems in government, especially in the conduct of internal audit, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) conducted a Recognition Ceremony for the Resource Persons (RPs) on the National Guidelines on Internal Control Systems (NGICS) and the Revised Philippine Government Internal Audit Manual (RPGIAM) last May 12, 2022 at the DBM Multi-Purpose Hall.



Facilitated by the RPGIAM project implementation team secretariat (the Systems and Productivity Improvement Bureau and the Budget Information and Training Service), the event aimed to formally confer recognition to the existing pool of RPs who underwent the recruitment, selection, learning and development, and evaluation phases of the Recognition Program pursuant to DBM Circular Letter No. 2021-9 dated October 14, 2021.

The event highlighted the awarding of certificates and the ceremonial signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the DBM and the RPs to further forge their respective commitments and obligations.

Among those who graced the event were Deputy Executive Secretary for Internal Audit (DESIA) Ricojude Janvier M. Echiverri of the Office of the President (OP); Vice Chairperson and Executive Officer (VCEO) Alberto A. Bernardo of the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM), subject matter expert on internal control and internal audit; and Undersecretary Kim Robert C. de Leon and Director Vivien V. Labastilla of the DBM.

The event was formally opened by Undersecretary de Leon on behalf of the DBM Officer-in-Charge. "We have successfully surpassed the challenges for the past two years of meeting online and we have completed three batches of RPGIAM trainings for internal auditors. Indeed, it would not be possible without the help and support of the RPs," said Usec. de Leon as he thanked the RPs for their hard work and dedication. He also declared the roster of recognized RPs as the champions of internal control and internal audit in government.



RPGIAM Project Implementation Team Secretariat



Awarding of certificates of recognition



DBM Undersecretary de Leon delivers his opening remarks.



Ceremonial signing of Memoranda of Understanding



NAPOLCOM VCEO Bernardo gives an inspirational message.



PDIC VP Ablir during her acceptance speech

VCEO Bernardo also imparted an inspirational message to the RPs, affirming their important role in espousing the principles, concepts, and operationalization of internal audit in government. The VCEO likewise thanked the DBM for making the implementation of the Recognition Program possible. As he is now with the NAPOLCOM, he underscored the importance of reaching out to local government units to promulgate internal control and internal audit.

Following his speech, a certificate of appreciation was awarded to the VCEO for his dedication, continued invaluable support, and participation as a subject matter expert and main resource person on internal control and internal audit.

After the awarding of certificates of recognition, Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC) Vice President Josie Jane C. Ablir delivered an acceptance speech on behalf of all the RPs. She likewise extended her sincerest gratitude to the RPGIAM project implementation team. "This recognition ceremony for the resource persons on RPGIAM and NGICS is a testament to the fundamental role internal auditors play. This is indeed one of the proud moments of our professional careers. I feel deeply honored to receive this recognition and to be in the company of a very distinguished group of Resource Persons," she said.

Her speech ended with a video presentation of messages from the pool of RPs to the RPGIAM project implementation team. A short video clip with compiled photos and videos was also shown during the event.





To cap off the event, DESIA Echiverri stressed the importance of putting in practice laws, rules, and regulations to ensure topnotch services to be delivered to the public. He emphasized that it is not just output that we should remain content with, but the outcome that reaches the public.

"We are all here to not only give recognition to the resource persons, but more precisely, we are here to express our gratitude to them. Without them, the endeavor to ensure knowledge on internal control systems and internal audit are updated and institutionalized would be difficult, if not possible to realize," DESIA Echiverri added.

OP DESIA Echiverri delivers his closing remarks.

Three batches of the capacity-building training on the RPGIAM

To ensure the full adoption of the RPGIAM in the operationalization of IA functions of agencies concerned, the DBM, together with the OP, is pursuing the rollout of the revised Manual through the conduct of capacity-building trainings to internal auditors.

Said trainings aim to provide personnel concerned of the IA service/unit from different departments, agencies and corporations with the foundational skills on the following:

- Understanding IC and its principles and concepts;
- Understanding IA, its concepts and standards, and the organization of a unit for the purpose;
- Undertaking strategic and annual work planning for IA;
- Understanding the scope and process of IA; and
- Conducting compliance audit.

BATCH 1

(June-July 2021)

31 participants from 8 agencies

OP, DBM, Procurement Service, Lung Center of the Philippines (LCP), National Kidney and Transplant Institute (NKT), Philippine Children's Medical Center (PCMC), Philippine Heart Center, Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao

BATCH 2

(November-December 2021)

60 participants from 19 agencies in the security sector

DBM, Department of Health, Department of Information and Communications Technology, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of National Defense, Department of Transportation, National Telecommunications Commission, National Police Commission, Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)-GHQ, AFP-PAF, AFP-PA, AFP-PN, Philippine Coast Guard, Dangerous Drugs Board, National Intelligence Coordinating Agency, National Security Council, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, Boy Scouts of the Philippines, Career Executive Service Board

BATCH 3

(March-April 2022)

65 participants from 18 agencies

OP, Office of the Vice President, Department of Agriculture, DBM, Department of Education, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development, Department of Justice, Department of Science and Technology, Department of Social Welfare and Development, National Police Commission, Public Attorney's Office, Office of the Solicitor General, Professional Regulation Commission, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, LCP, NKT, and PCMC

Roster of Recognized RPs on NGICS and RPGIAM

1. Vice President Josie Jane C. Ablir – PDIC
2. Department Manager Ma. Teresa C. Alvarez – TIEZA
3. Ms. Sheena Joy T. Casuga – DBM
4. Director Arnold Joseph M. Co – DOJ
5. Ms. Rosalinda V. Dapito – PS
6. Undersecretary Kim Robert C. de Leon – DBM
7. Director Maria Paula B. Domingo – DBM
8. Mr. Adolf Rey O. Duquez – PHC
9. Ms. Ma. Russell O. Figuro-Gaces – DFA
10. Ms. Marla Brigitte M. Galvan – PDEA
11. Ms. Lilibeth DC. Gobole – DOJ
12. Director Ruth Joy L. Guinid-Lunag – OP
13. Ms. Maria Concepcion B. Perez – DBM
14. Director Lynn V. Seares – OP
15. Ms. Mhelanie L. Tagra – OP
16. Director Gliricidia C. Tumaliuan-Ali – DPWH
17. Director Mary Rose L. Vilchez – DILG
18. Department Manager Venicius V. Villaseñor – PPA

Messages from the Recognized RPs

There is so much misunderstanding and misconception about internal audit as a staff oversight function in government offices that there really was a need to issue official guidelines on internal control and an official manual on internal audit to guide both internal auditors and auditees on their role in ensuring that government operations exhibit strong internal control, compliant to laws, rules and regulations, and demonstrate ethical, economical, efficient and effective characteristics. Thanks to the Department of Budget and Management Systems and Productivity Improvement Bureau and the Budget Information and Training Service together with the Office of the President Office of the Deputy Executive Secretary for Internal Audit for being proactive in developing the guidelines and manual, and in training government internal auditors for a consistent application of internal control principles and internal audit practices. Special mention and thanking to the patron of government internal auditors, VCEO Alberto A. Bernardo, for his untiring mentorship and care for our professional stature and well-being.

FROM:
MR. ARNOLD JOSEPH M. CO
DIRECTOR IV
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

I wish to thank VCEO Alberto A. Bernardo and the Department of Budget and Management for the trust and opportunity to be part of the pool of the RPGIAM Resource Persons.

May this pool continue to grow and I look forward to building together with you a community of IA practitioners in the Philippine government.

Both the DBM and internal audit are very close to my heart, and I am truly grateful to be of service for this undertaking.

I also wish to thank the Secretariat for their excellent support and coordination.

Maraming salamat po at hanggang sa muli!

FROM:
MS. MA. RUSSEL O. FIGURO-GACES
INTERNAL AUDITOR V
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

My warmest gratitude and high regard to the RPGIAM Capacity Building Training (CBT) advocates, especially to the DBM OIC-Secretary Tina Rosemarie Canda, Usec. Kim Robert De Leon, Dir. Ma. Paula Domingo, & Dir. Vivienne Labastilla, the OP DESIA, VCEO Alberto A. Bernardo, and the support & technical staff.

You truly create a difference by allowing us to share our knowledge and be a beacon of change at the governance level.

The journey is quite challenging, but you were there to guide and motivate us. Thank you for believing in us. This opportunity will leave a mark on our hearts. And we hope that this program will be more sustainable and encourage more IA practitioners to become the torchbearer of knowledge for IA in the public sector.

Again, thank you and Mabuhay po layong lahat.

FROM:
MS. ROSALINDA V. DAPITO
INTERNAL AUDITOR V
PROCUREMENT SERVICE