



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS OFFICE
Tanggapang Pampanguluhan sa Operasyong Komunikasyon
Ermita, City of Manila

FOI Awards Resolution No. 21-01

Series of 2021

SUBJECT : **2021 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) AWARDS
LIST OF WINNERS**

WHEREAS, Executive Order (EO) No. 2, s. 2016, was issued by President Rodrigo R. Duterte on 23 July 2016 to operationalize the People's Constitutional Right to Information and the State Policies to full public disclosure and transparency in the public service;

WHEREAS, Memorandum Order No. 10, S. 2016, designated the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) as the lead agency in the implementation of EO No. 2, S. 2016, and all other Freedom of Information (FOI) programs and initiatives, including the electronic FOI in the Executive branch;

WHEREAS, the FOI Awards was established in 2017 to recognize the efforts of government agencies, individuals and organizations that contributed to the development and progress of the FOI Program;

WHEREAS, as a yearly activity of the Freedom of Information – Project Management Office (FOI-PMO), the screening period of potential awardees to the 2021 FOI Awards that will be conferred on the fourth week of November 2021 is on 16 July 2021 until 31 August 2021;

WHEREAS, to promote open, transparent and accountable governance, the guidelines for the 2021 FOI Awards was established through FOI-Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 01, S. 2021;

WHEREAS, Section 4 of FOI-MC No. 01, S. 2021 provides that the FOI Awards Secretariat, composed of the FOI-PMO headed by the Chief of Compliance Monitoring Division, shall submit list of nominees to the FOI Awards Committee;

WHEREAS, Section 6 of FOI-MC No. 01, S. 2021 established the FOI Awards Committee shall be composed of the following: a representative from the Office of the Executive Secretary, who shall also act as the Chairperson; a representative from the FOI-PMO; and one representative each from the academe, the business sector, and a Non-Government Organization/Civil Society Organization. Each of them shall have equal voting rights.

WHEREAS, The FOI Awards Committee shall evaluate and validate the potential awardees based on the criteria set under FOI-MC No. 01, S. 2021, within thirty (30)

days upon receipt of the list from the Secretariat. The list submitted by the Secretariat shall be for the consideration of the Committee which may amend such list as necessary. The Committee shall choose the winners among the final list agreed upon by its members.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, this Resolution is issued to announce the awardees for the 2021 FOI Awards:

Section 1. FOI Awards Committee. FOI Awards Committee is composed of the following:

- **ATTY. KIM RAISA O. UY**, Assistant Secretary, Office of the Executive Secretary as Chairperson;
- **ATTY. KRISTIAN R. ABLAN**, Undersecretary and FOI Program Director, Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) as Member;
- **MS. EMMA M. REY**, President, Philippine Librarians Association Inc. (PLAI), as Member representing the academe;
- **MS. MARIA ROXANNE V. LU**, Programs and Projects Director, Makati Business Club (MBC) as Member representing the business sector; and
- **MS. EDEN DARLENE A. MENDOZA**, Chief of Compliance Monitoring Division, PCOO, as FOI Awards Secretariat Head.

Section 2. FOI Champion Category. The FOI Champion awards are conferred based on exemplifying and industry of the awardees who have brought their respective offices honor and recognition through excellence and distinction in the pursuit of ensuring the constitutional mandate of right to information.

This year's FOI Champions are the following:

FOI Champion: Department Award (National Government Agencies)

1. Department of Energy (DOE)
2. Department of Science and Technology (DOST)
3. Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)

FOI Champion: Agencies/Bureaus/Commissions/Councils Award

1. National Telecommunications Commission (NTC)
2. National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA)
3. Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB)

FOI Champion: GOCCs Award (Government-Owned and/or-Controlled Corporations)

1. Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System – Regulatory Office (MWSS – RO)
2. Government Service Insurance System (GSIS)
3. Philippine Institute of Traditional and Alternative Health Care (PITAHC)

FOI Champion: SUCs Award (State Universities and Colleges)

1. University of Southeastern Philippines
2. Southern Leyte State University
3. Southern Luzon State University

FOI Champion: LWDs Award (Local Water Districts)

1. Tandag City Water District, Surigao del Sur
2. Mangaldan Water District, Pangasinan
3. Metro Lipa Water District, Batangas

The awards shall be given in each category by rank - from first place (champion), second place and third place.

Section 3. FOI Hall of Fame: Commitment to Excellence Award. This Award is given to recipients of the FOI Champion Hall of Fame Award in the previous years to recognize its consistent commitment to excellence in public service through the implementation of FOI Program.

Department Category

- Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)

Agencies/Bureaus/Commissions/Councils Category

- Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA)

LWDs Category

- Davao City Water District, Davao City

Section 4. FOI Recognition. The FOI Recognition is given to Private Entities or Individuals or to Non-Government Organizations/Civil Society Organizations for their efforts and accomplishments that supports the implementation of the FOI program.

New Local Government Units (LGUs) to pass ordinance on FOI

1. City of Muntinlupa, Metro Manila
2. Municipality of Dumangas, Iloilo
3. Municipality of San Francisco, Agusan del Sur
4. City of Kidapawan
5. Municipality of Sagada, Mountain Province
6. Municipality of Cervantes, Ilocos Sur
7. City of Cabuyao, Laguna
8. City of Lamitan, Basilan
9. Province of Palawan
10. Municipality of Santo Tomas, La Union
11. Province of Laguna
12. Municipality of Monkayo, Davao de Oro

13. Municipality of Pilar, Sorsogon
14. Province of Agusan del Sur
15. Municipality of Sta Maria, Ilocos Sur
16. Municipality of Balaoan, La Union
17. Municipality of Lacub, Abra
18. City of Tabaco, Albay
19. Municipality of Kapangan, Benguet
20. City of Ormoc
21. Municipality of Lingayen, Pangasinan

LGUs onboard in the electronic FOI portal (www.foi.gov.ph)

1. Municipality of Paniqui, Tarlac, Region III
2. Municipality of Pura, Tarlac, Region III
3. Municipality of San Roque, Northern Samar, Region VIII
4. Province of Benguet, CAR
5. Province of La Union, Region I
6. Province of South Cotabato, Region XII

Top requested and performing agencies in the eFOI Portal

(agencies with 250 to 499 requests and with at least 90% closed transactions)

1. Department of Transportation (DOTr)
2. Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA)
3. Philippine National Police (PNP)
4. National Bureau of Investigation (NBI)
5. Land Transportation Office (LTO)
6. Department of Energy (DOE)
7. Department of Agriculture (DA)
8. Bureau of Immigration (BI)

(agencies with 500 to 999 requests and with at least 90% closed transactions)

1. Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF)
2. Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR)
3. Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC)
4. Land Management Bureau (LMB)
5. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
6. Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO)

(agencies with 1000 and above requests and with at least 90% closed transactions)

1. Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA)
2. Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)
3. Department of Health (DOH)
4. Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)
5. Department of Education (DepEd)
6. National Telecommunications Commission (NTC)
7. Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)

FOI Rising Star Award

The FOI Rising Star Award is given to government agencies and institutions who have exemplified great progress and performance in the implementation of the FOI Program.

1. Department of Tourism (DOT)
2. Philippine National Police (PNP)
3. Metals Industry Research and Development Center (MIRDC)
4. Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD)
5. National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP)
6. Occupational Safety and Health Center (OSHC)
7. Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA)
8. Aurora State College of Technology
9. Occidental Mindoro State College
10. Bulacan Agricultural State College
11. Sulu State College
12. General Santos City Water District, General Santos City
13. Santa Maria Water District, Bulacan
14. Metro Kalibo Water District
15. Licab Water District

Best FOI Officers

1. **ROBERT C. SATORRE** - University of Southeastern Philippines
2. **KRISTEL JOYCE L. MERLE** - Department of Agriculture (DA)
3. **ABIGAIL M. CASAS** - Metals Industry Research and Development Center (MIRDC)
4. **CANDICE NOELLE M. CABRERA** - Tandag City Water District, Surigao del Sur
5. **TINA NATONTON** - Philippine Children's Medical Center (PCMC)
6. **ZENAIDA A. LEAÑO** - National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA)
7. **AILYN D. GALURA** - National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
8. **DIVINA N. DAQUIOAG** - National Telecommunications Commission (NTC)

The Criteria for the best FOI Officers are as follows: (a) Formally designated as FOI Officer, either through Special Order or as indicated in the agency's FOI Manual; (b) Active participation in FOI Activities; (c) Providing reasonable assistance to the requesting party; (c) Agency's Overall Rate; (d) Compliance to PBB Requirements; (e) Providing with a receipt or acknowledgement upon lodging a request within a reasonable timeframe; and, (f) Resolving simple and complex requests within the mandated period.

Section 5. Plaque of Appreciation. The Plaque of Appreciation shall also be given to individuals, agencies, institutions, non-government organizations, or civil society

organizations who demonstrate exceptional or significant contribution to the FOI program's progress and development.

- Inter-Agency Task Force on the Harmonization of National Government Performance Monitoring, Information and Reporting Systems (Task Force Administrative Order No. 25 s. 2011)
- Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP)
- Makati Business Club (MBC)
- Partnership of Philippine Support Service Agencies, Inc. (PHILSSA)
- Right to Know, Right Now (R2KRN)! Coalition
- Congressman Ron P. Salo, House of Representatives
- Congressman Alfred D. Vargas, House of Representatives
- Congressman Joseph "Jojo" L. Lara, House of Representatives
- FOI Exceptions Committee
- Ms. Jada Pangan, Philippine Broadcasting Service (PBS)

Section 6. Effectivity. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.


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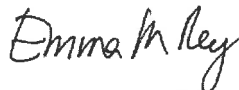
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Date: **11 October 2021**