



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS OFFICE**  
*Tanggapang Pampanguluhan sa Operasyong Pangkomunikasyon*  
Malacañang, Manila

**FOI Awards Resolution No. 01**  
*Series of 2019*

SUBJECT : **2019 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) AWARDS**

DATE : **29 NOVEMBER 2019**

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**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 call for nomination to the 2019 FOI Awards that will be conferred on the second week of December 2019 will start on 01 September 2019;

**WHEREAS**, to promote open, transparent and accountable governance, the guidelines for the 2019 FOI Awards was established through FOI-Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 02, S. 2019;

**WHEREAS**, Section 4 of FOI-MC No. 02, S. 2019 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 Screening Committee;

**WHEREAS**, Section 6 of FOI-MC No. 02, S. 2019 established that the FOI Awards Screening Committee shall be composed of representatives from the Office of the Executive Secretary as the Chairperson, representative from the FOI-PMO and one representative each from the academe, media organization and Non-Government Organization/Civil Society Organization as members with equal voting rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the list submitted by the Secretariat, within thirty (30) days upon receipt, shall be considered, amended or replaced by the Committee and choose the winners among the final list agreed upon by the members of the Committee.



**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing, this Resolution is issued to announce the awardees for the 2019 FOI Awards based on the deliberation conducted by the Committee on 14 November 2019 at the 2nd floor, Casa Roces, Malacanang Compound, Manila.

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

- ATTY. KIM RAISA O. UY, Assistant Secretary, Office of the Executive Secretary as Chairperson;
- ATTY. KRISTIAN R. ABLAN, Assistant Secretary, Presidential Communications Operations Office as FOI Program Director;
- MS. EMMA B. REY, President, Philippine Librarians Association Inc., as Member representing the academe;
- MR. PAUL M. GUTIERREZ, Vice President, National Press Club, as Member representing media organization;
- MS. MARIEFE L. DEL MUNDO, Membership Program Officer, representing Executive Director Roselle Rasay, Caucus of Development NGO Networks, as Member representing civil society organizations with an advocacy for transparency, accountability, and open governance; and
- MS. EDEN DARLENE A. MENDOZA, Presidential Communications Operations Office, as FOI Awards Secretariat Head.

**Section 2.** 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 Labor and Employment (DOLE)
2. Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
3. Department of Energy (DOE)

*FOI Champion: Agencies/Bureaus/Commissions/ Councils Award*

1. Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA)
2. Presidential Management Staff (PMS)
3. Design Center of the Philippines (DCP)

*FOI Champion: GOCCs Award (government-owned and/or-controlled corporations)*

1. Philippine Ports Authority (PPA)
2. Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO)
3. Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan (AFAB)

*FOI Champion: SUCs Award (state universities and colleges)*

1. Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez Institute of Science and Technology
2. Kalinga State University

### 3. Cebu Normal University

#### *FOI Champion: LWDs Award (local water districts)*

- Zamboanga Water District
- Davao City Water District
- Tagum Water District

The awards shall be given in each category by rank - from first place (champion), second place and third place, except for the LWDs Award, which will be given to LWDs in no particular order.

**Section 3.** The FOI Recognition is given to Private Entities or Individuals or Non-Government Organizations/Civil Society Organizations for their efforts and accomplishments that support the implementation of the FOI program.

New Local Government Units (LGUs) to approve an ordinance on FOI by 30 September 2019

- City of Antipolo, Rizal
- City of Legazpi, Albay
- City of Tuguegarao, Cagayan
- Municipality of Infanta, Quezon
- Municipality of Torrijos, Marinduque

First LGUs to onboard in the electronic FOI portal ([www.foi.gov.ph](http://www.foi.gov.ph))

- City of Pasig, NCR
- Municipality of Pakil, Laguna
- City of Antipolo, Rizal

Top requested and performing agencies in the eFOI Portal

*(agencies with above 50 requests and with at least 80% closed transaction)*

- Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB)
- Department of Agriculture (DA)
- Cooperative Development Authority (CDA)
- National Telecommunications Commission (NTC)
- National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA)
- Land Management Bureau (LMB)
- Department of Justice (DOJ)
- Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA)
- National Housing Authority (NHA)
- Bureau of Customs (BOC)
- National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
- Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)/
- Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
- Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA)
- PhilHealth
- Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP)
- Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)



- Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)
- Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
- Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP)
- Bureau of Immigration (BI)
- Department of Science and Technology (DOST)
- Department of Finance (DOF)
- Department of Energy (DOE)
- Light Rail Transit Authority (LRTA)
- Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR)
- Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
- Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)
- Department of Budget and Management (DBM)

*(agencies with above 250 requests and with at least 80% closed transaction)*

- Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)
- Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB)
- Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA)
- Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)
- Department of Transportation (DOTr)
- Department of Health (DOH)
- Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA)
- Commission on Higher Education (CHED)

**Section 4.** The Recognition shall also be given to at least three (3) FOI Officers demonstrate exceptional or significant contribution to the FOI program's progress and development.

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) Consistent communication with FOI-PMO; (d) Providing reasonable assistance to the requesting party; (e) Agency's Performance Rate of 90% and above.

Plaque of Recognition for Best FOI Officers with agency's performance rate of 99% and above:

- MARICRIS G. MANINIT - National Housing Authority (NHA)
- MARY ANN S. TANBIO - Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA)
- IRENEA C. DULIN - Department of Justice (DOJ)
- ROCHELLE DE GUZMAN-ROXAS - Malacanang Records Office (MRO)
- ZENAIDA A. LEAÑO - National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA)
- DIVINA N. DAQUIOAG - National Telecommunications Commission (NTC)
- SIMONETTE ALZONA NISPEROS - Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)
- CHASENMAE P. DE PADUA-ESPEHON - Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB)
- ZYRA GLERICA E. PERLORA - Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)




Certificate of Recognition for Best FOI Officers with agency's performance rate of 90% to 98%:

- ALEC CHRISANTI ACOSTA-ARENAS - Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)
- JANE BAUTISTA - Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
- BERNARD BORGONOS - Bureau of Immigration (BI)
- RHODORA V. REYES - Department of Finance (DOF)
- NELLY ZABALA - Department of Energy (DOE)
- ANDRO V. SANTIAGO - Department of Public Works and Highways
- APRIL MOLINA - Department of Health (DOH)
- CHRISTINE MALATE - Commission on Higher Education (CHED)

#### Plaque of Appreciation


- Inter-Agency Task Force on the Harmonization of National Government Performance Monitoring, Information and Reporting Systems (Administrative Order No. 25 s. 2011)
- Open Government Partnership (OGP)
- Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP)
- Hivos
- Step Up Consulting (Michael Canares)
- CheckMySchool
- Commission on Higher Education (CHED)
- Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
- Youth Alliance for FOI
- FOI Youth Initiative
- 2030 Youth Force
- Philippine Information Agency (Regional Offices who assisted the FOI Roadshow in Surigao, Naga, Legazpi, Cagayan Province, Iloilo, General Santos, Cebu, Bohol, and Zamboanga)
- FOI Exceptions Committee
  - Atty. Eric Remegio O. Panga, Assistant Solicitor General, Office of the Solicitor General (OSG)
  - Atty. Darniel Bustamante, OSG
  - Atty. Margaret V. Castillo-Padilla, Assistant Secretary, Department of Justice (DOJ)
  - Atty. Ivy D. Patdu, Deputy Commissioner, National Privacy Commission (NPC)
  - Atty. Omar V. Romero, Assistant Secretary, Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO)
  - Atty. Alda G. Reyes, Assistant Government Corporate Counsel, Office of the Government Corporate Counsel (OGCC)
- FOI Library Project
  - Philippine Group of Law Librarians (PGLL)
  - Philippine Librarians Association Inc. (PLAI)
  - Philippine Association of Academic and Research (PAARRL)
- Department of Science and Technology - Science and Technology Information Institute (DOST-STII)
- Mr. Njel De Mesa


**Section 5. Effectivity.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

  
**EDEN DARLENE A. MENDOZA**  
2019 FOI Awards Secretariat


*2019 FOI Awards Screening Committee:*

  
**MARIEE L. DEL MUNDO**  
Member

  
**PAUL M. GUTIERREZ**  
Member

  
**EMMA B. REY**  
Member

  
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Member and FOI Program Director

  
**ATTY. KIM RAISA O. UY**  
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