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SUBJECT : DESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY MICHEL KRISTIAN R. ABLAN AS PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) PROGRAM IMPLEMENTING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2, S. 2016 AND MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 10 S. 2016.

DATE : 04 April 2017

Pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) No. 02, s. 2016, operationalizing in the Executive Branch of the Government the Constitutional policy of full public disclosure in all its transactions involving public interest, and the right of the people to information on matters of public concern, and Memorandum Order (M.O.) No. 10, s. 2016, designating the Presidential Communications Operations Office as the lead agency in the implementation of E.O. No. 02, s. 2016, to ensure its success, **ASSISTANT SECRETARY MICHEL KRISTIAN R. ABLAN** is hereby designated as Program Director of the FOI Program.

As Program Director, he is mandated to perform the following functions in addition to his current functions as Assistant Secretary for Policy and Legislative Affairs:

1. Oversee the implementation of all FOI and e-FOI programs of all government agencies in the Executive Branch; specifically,
 - a) Monitor compliance of all government agencies in the Executive Branch;
 - b) Develop programs and mechanisms to capacitate all government agencies in the Executive Branch, including assisting the Local Government Units in drafting their ordinances in implementing FOI in their respective jurisdictions; and
 - c) Conduct capacity building programs and information education campaigns.
2. Supervise, lead, direct and administer the creation and operation of the FOI Program Management Office (PMO);
3. Monitor and supervise the accounting and auditing process of the PMO funds;

4. Establish and lead the links with partner organizations/institutions to obtain technical assistance/support;
5. Manage technical assistance/support from partner organizations/institutions subject to existing auditing and accounting laws, rules and regulations;
6. Represents the FOI-PMO on various boards/commissions/committees/and task forces dealing with FOI policy matters;
7. Report directly and submit report regularly to the undersigned, as the over-all FOI Champion; and
8. Perform other functions as necessary in the exigency of service as determined by the undersigned.

The designation does not include planning, managing, administering and directing information technology systems, software development, information technology infrastructure and other related tasks.

This Order shall take effect immediately until sooner amended or modified accordingly.

For guidance and strict compliance.



JOSE RUPERTO MARTIN M. ANDANAR
Secretary